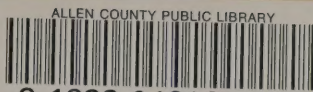


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(Editor's Note: Almost everyone is interested in knowing something about his ancestors, but few know as much as they would like; still fewer know all that they could know if they exhausted the many genealogical sources available today to the ancestor-hunter. Many who would be pleased to unearth more data about their forebears have failed to do so because they have not known how to proceed or because they suspected that the expense of having a professional do the work would be too great.

Every year the Historical Society of Berks County receives hundreds of calls and letters soliciting help with some genealogical problem. Convinced that many other people would also appreciate help in tracing down their ancestors, the *Historical Review* will publish a series of articles by its professional genealogist, Mrs. LeRoy Sanders—articles designed to help the amateur researcher fill out his family tree by making known to him what sources he should consult and where those sources can be found. Some of these articles will be developed from specific inquiries that the Society has received. These articles will appear in a series in each of the next eight issues, and they will be so placed in the magazine that they can be easily removed and bound into a little genealogist's handbook. We hope as a result to help many people to get a good start on a rewarding job they have never had the knowledge to undertake.

We do not want to give the impression that genealogical research is easy, that in a few leisurely afternoons you can learn all about your ancestors back to Beowulf. Genealogical research requires time and patience, and many things you might like to know might be impossible to track down. But the job of research can be simplified if the inquirer knows how to proceed. To help such people we have instituted this series of instructive articles. Also to assist such people the Historical Society employs a professional genealogist, whose services are available to anyone who has a genealogical problem and who can afford the modest fee of \$2 an hour.

J. Sherwood Weber.)

HOW do I go about looking up my ancestors?" This is the question most frequently asked by beginners in the adventure of ancestor-hunting. If time permitted, I could spend hours describing the various approaches used in searching for Pennsylvania ancestry. But this generalized question can best be answered by suggesting that the person read Gilbert H. Doane's *Searching*

For Your Ancestors (2nd ed., Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press, 1948). This excellent genealogical guide, found in most public and historical society libraries throughout the United States, will get the novice off to a good start on his search for family history.

The first step is to gather and arrange authentic material on immediate ancestors (parents, grandparents, perhaps great grandparents). This can usually be done by consulting sources close at hand: family Bibles, marriage and birth certificates, tombstone records from the family plot.

The inexperienced searcher must keep in mind that the family name may be spelled in various ways. He should make a list of the various spellings and in his research train his eye to spot all of them. He should also put down in writing everything he finds, including where he found it. It is important to know *where*, as well as *when*, his grandfather was born. Such knowledge will aid him in searching for his great-grandfather and establishing another generation in the family line.

The exact source of every bit of information must be carefully noted. This procedure is sometimes tedious, but such data is invaluable in research procedure. The validity of any fact is questionable until its source, and the reliability of that source, is known.

In his book Mr. Doane discusses the locations of the various depositories throughout the country where public and private genealogical resources are available to the seeker of family history. Armed with the knowledge gained through a careful study of Doane's book, the researcher on a Berks County family will first search the archives of our Society (A complete bibliography of the genealogical source material in the archives of the Historical Society of Berks County, being compiled by Mrs. Irwin Krick and myself and now nearing completion, will appear in the April-June, 1953, issue of the *Historical Review*).

The genealogy department of the Society library is used extensively, not only by Berks and Pennsylvania residents, but also by people from other states who have some reason to believe that they are descendants of pioneer settlers of Southeastern Pennsylvania. What can be done to find out whether you had ancestors in this area before about 1800?

The first step is to consult the First United States

Census of Pennsylvania (1790). A careful study of this reference, which is well indexed (the researcher must always keep in mind the various spellings of a name), will inform the inquirer of how many branches of his family were residents in Pennsylvania in 1790; of the town, township, and county in which they resided; of the size of each family; and of the Christian name of each family head (not until 1850 did the Census list the complete names of all members of a family). Of course, a Berks resident who suspects he had ancestors in any other state, could check the Census for that state in the way described above.

This preliminary Census search can be done in the home town library, which usually has copies of the First Census, as well as at the Society. For a small charge it can even be done at home, for paper bound copies of the 1790 Census for Pennsylvania—or for any other state—can be secured from the Bureau of Census, Washington, D.C., for about \$1.50. The information gained from the Census will direct the searcher to the proper county in Pennsylvania or elsewhere where the family appeared before 1800. If you have to go to any other county or state to get evidence, I can advise you of the genealogical research facilities available there.

The visitor to the Historical Society library can make other investigations. He can examine the ever-growing collection of printed genealogies relating to Southeastern Pennsylvania to learn what, if anything, has already been gathered and printed on the family. The Society also has histories and publications from other counties that might make travel to those counties unnecessary. The use of some of these sources will be explained in later articles.

If an examination of the 1790 Census establishes

the fact that an ancestor lived in Berks County at that time, the researcher is then directed to the original tax lists in our archives for that section of the county. From these can be learned whether the ancestor was single or married, how much land (if any) he owned, and sometimes what his occupation was.

The researcher from another state, who is interested in finding out whether his ancestors lived in an area before they moved west, can often use the Census and tax records to establish that his ancestors lived in the area. For further information he can search through some of the unique sources in the archives of the Historical Society of Berks County. The use of some of these sources—of wills, deeds, orphans court records, church and tombstone records, etc.—will be discussed in a later article.

At this point it must be stressed that there is no short cut to establishing a Southeastern Pennsylvania ancestry. County officials in our state were not required by law to keep vital statistics before 1885 (if your ancestors came from some other state you will probably be more fortunate in the records available for you to examine). The German pioneers left few written records, and some of the few are written in German script. For this reason many professional genealogists consider Pennsylvania extremely difficult to work. This, of course, is just an added challenge to those who really want to dig out what can be learned about Pennsylvania ancestors.

In the next article, I shall explain—mainly for the benefit of historians of family reunions—what can be gathered from our archives about Berks families. I shall also consider the problem of how to discover whether you had an ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War.

THE OLD PLACES

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I ain't seen no places like the old
Where everything was fixed just so.
The young ones talk a lot about the fun
In places where all is on the go.

It's nice, sometimes, to rutch around the place
And carry on until your breath is out;
But I remember how we used to sit
With steins of beer and platters filled with kraut.

Es war so freindlich, and it wasn't just
That we were glutzkupps every way;
But the old places made you feel at home
And made you feel that you were there to stay.

Sure, we have fun now; and the girls is nice;
And the music's plenty, and the beer;
But it was more than just a place dressed up.
It was just so—and just so it ain't here.

—WILLIAM J. METER

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(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles designed to assist amateur genealogists in the rewarding task of ancestor-hunting. The first article, which was concerned with the subject of how to start genealogical research, appeared in the October-December, 1952, issue of the REVIEW. The next issue will contain a genealogical source map and a complete bibliography of the genealogical source material in the archives of the Historical Society of Berks County. About five other informative articles will appear in subsequent issues.

We want to inform researchers that if they encounter genealogical problems that they cannot solve themselves, they can engage the services of the Historical Society's professional genealogist, Mrs. Sanders, for the nominal fee of \$2 an hour.

J. Sherwood Weber)

Family Reunions

A LIBRARY wholly devoted to the history of one county—such as is to be found at 940 Centre Avenue, the headquarters of the Historical Society of Berks County—makes a fine window through which to view its people, their antecedents and descendants. Historians or officers of family groups who hold reunions each year throughout the county of Berks will especially find a mine of information in our archives to hand on to their members.

The family historian will no doubt first of all want to ascertain when the family came to America. If the family was of German origin, as most were in this part of Pennsylvania, the name of the first arrival or arrivals should be found in one or more of the following authoritative references:

1. *Names of Foreigners Who Took the Oath of Allegiance 1727-1775*, published in the Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Vol. XVII.
2. *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* by Strassburger and Hinkie.
3. *Thirty Thousand Names of Immigrants* by I. Daniel Rupp.

While all three of the above references contain lists of German, Swiss, Dutch, French, and other passengers who arrived at the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1776, only the first two are indexed. The Strassburger and Hinkie work is the most recent and carries data beyond 1776 into 1808. Also this ref-

erence, which is printed in three volumes, contains facsimiles of actual passenger lists, often showing the signatures of heads of families.

Rupp's *Thirty Thousand Immigrants* is not indexed and therefore is more difficult to use unless the searcher has some idea of the year when the immigrant ancestor came to America. However, this early reference (first printed in 1856) should be used if the searcher failed to find his family name in the first two mentioned works, because in the back of Rupp's book are valuable notes on group migration, such as on the early Germantown settlers under Pastorius (1683-1710), on the Schwenkfelders, the Moravians, and the group of Palatinates who landed in New York prior to 1712, some of whom came to our Tulpehocken Area.

Other Sources

A large percentage of Berks County families of German origin who have lived here for six or more generations will find that their immigrant ancestor arrived at the Port of Philadelphia; but for those who are unable to locate their family name in the above mentioned references, we suggest a study be made of Emil Meymen's *Bibliography on German Settlements in Colonial North America*. This large volume, printed in 1937, is devoted especially to the listing of authoritative reference works to be found on the Pennsylvania Germans and their descendants (1683-1933).

When the family historian has located the name of the first ancestor who landed in America, and the date, he may be disappointed to find that passenger lists seldom tell the location in Germany from which the ancestor came. However, something about the family in Germany may be learned by correspondence from early church registers in that country if family Bibles, naturalization papers, or letters still kept in the family reveal a definite town or place in Germany from which the ancestor came. The earliest death records of Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading, a copy of which is contained in the archives of the Historical Society, often give where in Germany the deceased member was born. This data will enable the searcher to write to that part of Germany for information on the family before it left for America.

Naturalization

If the family did not come to this country until after the Revolution, much information can be

gleaned as to the date and place of birth of the immigrant ancestor from the naturalization papers which are on file in the Prothonotary's Office in the County Court House. An article on early naturalization in Berks County appeared in the April, 1950, issue of the *Review* and contains a list of all who were naturalized in this county from 1798 to 1820. This list, of course, contains immigrants not only from Germany, but also from Ireland, England, France, Switzerland, and Wales.

Other Nationalities

The library of the Historical Society of Berks County contains B. F. Owen's splendid *The Welsh of Cumru Township*, as well as his copy of the church records of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church at Douglassville and of the Bangor Church, Caernarvon Township, where the Swede migration first went to Berks County after settlement on the Delaware. In the Society library can also be found all the records that have been translated and printed on the early Goshenhoppen Catholic Church at Bally and abstracts from Quaker meetings in Berks County as compiled by John L. Eshelman, noted Quaker authority on Berks County. And we hope in time to add to our library such authoritative sources on the earliest migrations of these various nationalities as the following, which are now available at the Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia, or at the State Library, Harrisburg:

1. Nord, *The Dutch and Swedes on the Delaware* 1609-64.
2. Hinshaw, *Quaker Encyclopedia on Pennsylvania Meetings*.
3. Browning, *Welsh Settlement of Pennsylvania*.

4. Albert Cook Myers, *Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania 1682-1750*.

This short account gives only a sample of the source material that can be used in preparing a paper on an early Berks County family to be read at the next reunion. Original tax lists and records of many Union (Lutheran and Reformed) Churches of Berks County are readily available at the Historical Society. All members of a reunion will be interested to learn what occupations their ancestors followed, what Christian names have been carried down in the family for six and seven generations, and especially how many cousins are now scattered over various states, for very few family histories fail to show where some members of the early generations went when they migrated "west."

The genealogical department of the Historical Society would appreciate hearing from anyone who has in his possession, or knows the whereabouts of, any original letters, account books, manuscripts, and so forth by, addressed to, or concerning the senior Dr. George de Benneville (1703-1793), who was the first Universalist minister in Berks County. Any such papers should be brought or sent to the Society, where they will be microfilmed and returned immediately. One microfilm copy will be added to the Society archives; a second will go to Albert D. Bell, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, who is writing a biography of Dr. George de Benneville in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of his birth.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BERKS COUNTY

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Meetings are scheduled for the second Friday of each month, at the Society's Building unless otherwise noted.

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"History of the Reading Fire Department," by various speakers from the older fire companies.

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This third installment is not an article, but rather it contains invaluable bibliographical information of use to any researcher—amateur or professional—investigating a Berks County family. Since all three parts of this installment will be referred to frequently in subsequent articles, it might be a good idea to remove it from the magazine and file it in a safe place. (If you lose it, incidentally, reprints will be purchasable for a small fee at the Society.)

The three parts published here include an Historical Map of Berks County, a Cross-Reference Chart of Berks County Genealogical Source Material, and a Bibliography of Source Material in the Genealogical Department of the Historical Society of Berks County. Roughly, these three research tools are to be used like this: first, consult the map to find out in which township, or townships, your ancestors lived; second, refer to the chart to find out what numbered items the Society has relating to the township in which you are interested; and third, refer to the numbered items in the bibliography for the titles of the sources you should consult for various types of information.

In the next article Mrs. Sanders, the professional genealogist on the staff of the Historical Society, will explain in detail, with examples, how these three bibliographical tools can be used and to what information they will direct the researcher.

J. SHERWOOD WEBER.

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(45) REV. B. E. KRAMLICH, PRIVATE RECORDS OF, 1 Vol. 1852-1887. Baptism records of Rev. Kramlich, of Longswamp 1873-1887. Bound with some records of Rev. Isaac Roeller. Comp. by Amos F. Breidigam. Typewritten and indexed. CR-R714.

(46) ROELLER, REV. ISAAC PRIVATE RECORDS OF, 1 Vol. 1852-1887. Death records of Rev. Roeller, 1852-1860. Bound with some records of Rev. Kramlich. Comp. by Amos F. Breidigam. Typewritten and indexed. CR-R714.

(47) TULPEHOCKEN AREA, HISTORY OF THREE CHURCHES. 1 Vol, Circa 1910. Baptisms, confirmations, marriages and deaths — 1902-1912. St. Daniel's Sesqui-Centennial history; Womelsdorf Parish Notes. Host,—Golden Jubilee. Printed and indexed. CR-S137.

(48) ST. DANIEL'S (CORNER) CHURCH, HEIDELBERG TWP. 1 Vol. 1753-1860. Baptisms, comprehensive history—illustrated. Typewritten and indexed by M. A. Gruber. CR-S137G and Mic. 30.

(49) ST. GABRIEL (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH, DOUGLASSVILLE, AMITY TWP. 1 Vol. 1735-1899. Baptisms, marriages—1735-1899, burials—1796-1894, communicants—1808-1833 and tombstone records. Comp. by B. F. Owen. Handwritten and indexed. CR-S139.

(50) ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH, SINKING SPRING. 1 Vol. 1883-1913. Baptisms, marriages, communicants, deaths, Sunday School

KS COUNTY

Townships and City in Berks County, Pa.	Albany Twp.	Colebrookdale Twp.	Cumru Twp.	District Twp.
Church Records	14,15,16,18 61,66.	61,66.	5,21,61.	40,61,66.
Tombstone inscriptions and vital statistics from local newspapers and etc.	71,75,76,83,84,85, 91,95,96,97,98,99, 100,101,102,103, 105,106,107	71,75,76,83,84,85, 91,95,96,97,98,99, 100,101,103 to 108.	71,74,75,76,83,84, 85,90,91,95,96,97, 98,99,100,101, 103 to 108.	71,75,76,83,84,85, 91,95,96,97,98,99, 100,101,103 to 108.
Townships and City in Berks County, Pa.	Douglas Twp.	Lower Heidelberg Twp.	Maidencreek Twp.	Marion Twp.
Church Records	5,49,61,66.	30,45, 6,24,25,61.	11,17,19,61.	61,67.
Tombstone inscriptions and vital statistics from local newspapers and etc.	71,75,76,83,84,85, 91,95,96,97,98,99, 100,101,103 to 108.	71,75,76,83,84,85, 86,91,95,96,97,98, 99,100,101,103 to 108.	71,73,75,76,80,83, 84,85,91,95,96,97, 98,99,100,101 103 to 108.	71,75,76,82,83,84, 85,91,95,96,97,98, 99,100,101,103 to 108.
Townships and City in Berks County, Pa.	Maxatawny Twp.	Richmond Twp.	Robeson Twp.	Rockland Twp.
Church Records	17,18,19,23, 26,27, 53,57, 66.	17,19,23,35,56,61, 66.	5,11,21,42,43,44, 61.	19,21,23,31,32,46, 61,66.
Tombstone inscriptions and vital statistics from local newspapers and etc.	71,75,76,77,83,84, 85,91,95,96,97,98,99, 99,100,101,102,103 to 108.	71,75,76,83,84,85, 91,95,96,97,98,99, 100,101,102,103 to 108.	71,73,75,76,81,83, 84,85,90,91,95,96, 97,98,99,100,101, 103 to 108.	71,75,76,83,84,85, 91,95,96,97,98,99, 100,101,103 to 108.
Townships and City in Berks County, Pa.	Ruscom-M Twp.	Washington Twp.	Windsor Twp.	
Church Records	46,61,66.	61,66.	17,19,54,61,64.	
Tombstone inscriptions and vital statistics from local newspapers and etc.	71,75,76,81,83,84, 85,91,95,96,97,98, 99,100,101,103 to 108.	71,75,76,81,83,84, 85,91,95,96,97,98, 99,100,101,103 to 108.	71,75,76,83,84,85, 91,95,96,97,98,99, 100,101,103 to 108.	

1. The first part of the paper discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the success of any business and for the protection of the interests of all parties involved. The author argues that without accurate records, it is impossible to make informed decisions or to identify areas for improvement.

2. The second part of the paper describes the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It outlines the steps involved in designing a study, selecting a sample, and collecting data. The author also discusses the importance of ensuring the reliability and validity of the data collected.

3. The third part of the paper presents the results of the study. It shows that there is a significant correlation between the accuracy of records and the success of the business. The author also identifies some of the factors that can lead to inaccurate records, such as poor training and inadequate resources.

4. The fourth part of the paper discusses the implications of the findings. It suggests that businesses should invest in training and resources to ensure that their records are accurate. The author also recommends that businesses should regularly review their records to identify areas for improvement.

5. The fifth part of the paper concludes the study. It summarizes the main findings and reiterates the importance of accurate records. The author also expresses hope that the findings of the study will be helpful to other businesses.

6. The sixth part of the paper discusses the limitations of the study. It acknowledges that the study was conducted in a specific context and that the results may not be generalizable to all businesses. The author also notes that the study was limited by the availability of data and the time and resources available.

7. The seventh part of the paper discusses the future research. It suggests that further research should be conducted to explore the relationship between accurate records and business success in different contexts. The author also suggests that future research should focus on developing methods to improve the accuracy of records.

8. The eighth part of the paper discusses the conclusions. It summarizes the main findings and reiterates the importance of accurate records. The author also expresses hope that the findings of the study will be helpful to other businesses.

9. The ninth part of the paper discusses the acknowledgments. It thanks the people and organizations that helped with the study. The author also thanks the readers for their interest in the study.

10. The tenth part of the paper discusses the references. It lists the sources used in the study. The author also provides a list of references for further reading.

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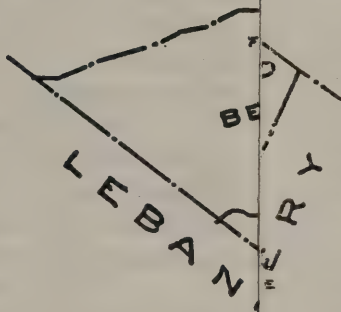
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Townships and City in Berks County, Pa.	Albany Twp.	Alsace Twp.	Amity Twp.	Bern Twp.	Bethel Twp.	Brecknock Twp.	Caernarvon Twp.	Center Twp.	Colebrookdale Twp.	Cumru Twp.	District Twp.
Church Records	14,15,16,18,22,36,61,66.	26,27,28,41,59,61,66,68.	2,49,59,61,66.	4,61.	61,69.	1,5,61.	3,5,10,61,	4,61.	61,66.	5,21,61.	40,61,66.
Tombstone inscriptions and vital statistics from local newspapers and etc.	71,75,76,83,84,85,91,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103,104,105,106,107,108.	71,75,76,83,84,85,91,94,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103,104,105,106,107,108.	71,75,76,81,83,84,85,91,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103,104,105,106,107,108.	71,75,76,83,84,85,90,91,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103 to 108.	71,75,76,83,84,85,91,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103,104,108.	71,72,75,76,81,83,84,85,91,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103 to 108.	71,72,75,76,78,83,84,85,90,91,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103 to 108.	71,75,76,83,84,85,90,91,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103 to 108.	71,75,76,83,84,85,91,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103 to 108.	71,74,75,76,83,84,85,90,91,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103 to 108.	71,75,76,83,84,85,91,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,103 to 108.
Townships and City in Berks County, Pa.	Douglass Twp.	Earl Twp.	Exeter Twp.	Greenwich Twp.	Heidelberg Twp.	Hereford Twp.	Jefferson Twp.	Longswamp Twp.	Lower Heidelberg Twp.	Maidencreek Twp.	Marion Twp.
Church Records	5,49,61,66.	38,39,40,61,66.	11,59,61.	9,14,16,22,37,61,66.	6,47,48,61,65,70.	19,21,23,61,66.	34,61.	18,19,21,23,30,45,61,66.	6,24,25,61.	11,17,19,61.	61,67.
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Townships and City in Berks County, Pa.	Maxatawny Twp.	Muhlenberg Twp.	North Heidelberg Twp.	Oley Twp.	Penn Twp.	Perry Twp.	Pike Twp.	Reading	Richmond Twp.	Robeson Twp.	Rockland Twp.
Church Records	17,18,19,23,61,66.	6,61,68.	34,61,67,71.	6,17,19,38,39,59,61,66.	4,61.	23,61,64.	21,40,61,66.	7,11,13,21,36,27,28,33,41,51,53,57,58,61,62,63,66.	17,19,23,35,56,61,66.	5,11,21,42,43,44,61.	19,21,23,31,32,46,61,66.
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Townships and City in Berks County, Pa.	Ruscom-Manor Twp.	South Heidelberg Twp.	Spring Twp.	Tilden Twp.	Tulpehocken Twp.	Union Twp.	Upper Bern Twp.	Upper Tulpehocken Twp.	Washington Twp.	Windsor Twp.	
Church Records	46,61,66.	6,25,61.	5,6,50,61.	60,61.	8,11,12,20,29,47,61.	21,55,61.	52,61.	29,34,61,69.	61,66.	17,19,54,61,64.	
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*This chart relates only to the primary and very specialized collection of records on the history of Berks County families as found in the archives of the Historical Society of Berks County.

READING LAID OUT BY ACT OF MARCH 11, 1752 FROM
 CHARTERED A CITY IN 1752. FIRST WHITE SETTLERS WERE SWEDES.
 CONRAD WEISER IN 1752. BUILT IN 1818. READ
 FIRST LIBRARY IN 1752. RESIDENT JUDGE, JACOB RUSH.
 PHILA & READING R.R. FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE IN AMITY ABOUT 1725.
 FIRST RADIO STA. IN 1924. TOWNED IN TULPEHOCKEN TWP. IN 1731.
 FIRST BANK IN 1808. BUILT IN 1735, TULPEHOCKEN TO BOONE'S MILL.
 READING MILITARY B. S A GERMAN ONE, PUBLISHED IN 1789.
 WYOMISSING INDUSTRY. RACE IN COUNTY WAS COLEBROOKDALE ①
 BERKS COUNTY - 1860. CES WERE HEREFORD ②; MARY ANN ③;
 MOUNT LAUREL ⑤; WINDSOR ⑥; JOANNA ⑦;
 READING ⑧; DALE ⑩; OLEY ⑪.
 URGE WAS PINE FORGE ⑫; OTHERS WERE
 RMING ⑬; HOPEWELL ⑭; OLEY ⑮.
 IN CANAL, FIRST IN PENNA., BUILT IN 1792-1826,
 T MIDDLETOWN ON SUSQUEHANNA TO READING.
 UYLKILL CANAL, READING TO PHILA., OPENED
 1824. PHILA & READING R.R. OPENED IN 1837.
 LEBANON VALLEY R.R. BUILT IN 1858.



BOROS AROUND READING.

- 1-SINKING SPRING 1915
- 2-WEST LAWN 1923
- 3-WYOMISSING HILLS
- 4-WYOMISSING 1906
- 5-WEST READING 1907
- 6-KENHORST 1931
- 7-SHILLINGTON 1908
- 8-MOHNTON 1907
- 9-MT. PENN 1902

SOME EARLY

- A- EXETER FRIENDS MEE
- BOONE AND LINCOLN F
- B- UNION CHURCH 1733
- C- ST. JOSEPHS LUTHER
- D- ST. PAULS 1838.
- E- NEW BETHEL ZION 1
- F- LITTLE TULPEHOCKEN
- G- HOST UNION 1743.
- H- PLOW UNION LUTHERA
- I- ST. JOHNS REFORMED
- K- ST. GABRIELS SWED
- L- CHRIST LUTHERAN 1

SOME EARLY PIONEERS.

GEORGE BOONE	MOUNCE JUSTICE
SQUIRE BOONE	MARTIN KEACHER
WILLIAM BIRD	DAVID KUTZ
EDWARD BURD	GEORGE KISTLER
JAMES BIDDLE	FRANZ KRICK
JOHN BAER	JOHN LINCOLN
PETER BERTOLET	MICHAEL LUDWIG
ANDREW BANKSON	JACOB LIVINGOOD
JOHN BOYER	JACOB LIGHTFOOT
JOHN COCK	SAMUEL LIGHTFOOT
JOHN CROLL	HENRY M. MUHLENBERG
DANIEL C. CLYMER	GEORGE NAGLE
PETER DELONG	FRANCIS PARVIN
JOHANNES DIETRICH	THOMAS POTTS
GEORGE EDGE	EDWARD PRICE
VALENTINE ECKERT	THOMAS RUTTER
DAVID EVANS	JAMES READ
MORGAN EVANS	GEORGE RITTER
JOSEPH FINNEY	JASPER SCULL
JOHN FURRY	JACOB SHOEMAKER
PETER GRUBB	GEORGE SCHAEFFER
MATHIAS HAER	JOHAN SEAMAN
JOSEPH HEISTER	MERICK STARR
DANIEL HEISTER	PETER TREKLER
DAVID HARTLEY	CONRAD WEISER
HENRY HALLER	JOHN WOMELSDORF
LORENTZ HAUCKS	JOHN WILEY
JAMES HUTTON	JONAS YOCUM
MOSES HEYMAN	
MOUNCE JONES	
THOMAS JONES	

HISTORICAL MAP BERKS COUNTY



TOWANDA, PA.

L.E. WILT, 1945

10 CROSS REFERENCE

1. Name of the person or entity being investigated

2. Date of birth or date of establishment

3. Address of the person or entity

4. Telephone number

5. E-mail address

6. Social Security Number

7. Other identifying information

8. Remarks

READING LAID OUT 1797-98, INCORPORATED A BORO IN 1783, CHARTERED A CITY IN 1864. FIRST STORE OPENED BY CONRAD WEISER IN 1750. FIRST BRIDGE ACROSS SCHUYLKILL BUILT IN 1818. READING WATER CO. ORGANIZED IN 1821. FIRST LIBRARY IN 1764. FIRST BOARD OF TRADE 1807. PHILA & READING R.R. OPENED TO READING IN 1830. FIRST RADIO STA. IN 1922. FIRST STREET RY. IN 1874. FIRST BANK IN 1808. READING IRON CO. 1889. YMCA 1860. READING MILITARY BAND 1832. READING AIR PORT 1927. WYOMISSING INDUSTRIES 1892. HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BERKS COUNTY - 1869. RAINBOW FIRE COMPANY 1773.

BERKS COUNTY WAS CREATED BY ACT OF MARCH 11, 1752 FROM PARTS OF PHILA., CHESTER, AND LANCASTER COUNTIES. NAMED FOR BERKSHIRE IN ENGLAND. FIRST WHITE SETTLERS WERE SWEDES. FIRST COURT HOUSE BUILT IN 1761, SECOND IN 1840, THIRD AND PRESENT ONE IN 1931-32. FIRST RESIDENT JUDGE, JACOB RUSH. FIRST CHURCH WAS FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE IN AMITY ABOUT 1725. FIRST SCHOOL WAS OPENED IN TULPEHOCKEN TWP. IN 1731. FIRST ROAD WAS LAID OUT IN 1735, TULPEHOCKEN TO BOONE'S MILL. FIRST NEWSPAPER WAS A GERMAN ONE, PUBLISHED IN 1789.

FIRST IRON FURNACE IN COUNTY WAS COLEBROOKDALE ① OTHER FURNACES WERE HEREFORD ②; MARY ANN ③; SALLY ANN ④; MOUNT LAUREL ⑤; WINDSOR ⑥; JOANNA ⑦; HOPEWELL ⑧; READING ⑨; DALE ⑩; OLEY ⑪. FIRST IRON FORGE WAS PINE FORGE ⑫; OTHERS WERE CHARMING ⑬; HOPEWELL ⑭; OLEY ⑮. UNION CANAL, FIRST IN PENNA., BUILT IN 1792-1828, FROM MIDDLETOWN ON SUSQUEHANNA TO READING. SCHUYLKILL CANAL, READING TO PHILA., OPENED IN 1824. PHILA & READING R.R. OPENED IN 1837. LEBANON VALLEY R.R. BUILT IN 1858.

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- 9-MT. PENN 1902
- 10-LAURELDALE 1930
- 11-TEMPLE 1902

SOME EARLY CHURCHES.

- A-EXETER FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE-1725. THE BOONE AND LINCOLN FAMILIES ATTENDED HERE.
- B-UNION CHURCH 1733.
- C-ST. JOSEPH'S LUTHERAN 1747.
- D-ST. PAULS 1838.
- E-NEW BETHEL ZION 1761.
- F-LITTLE TULPEHOCKEN 1730.
- G-HOST UNION 1743.
- H-PLOW UNION LUTHERAN 1767.
- I-ST. JOHNS REFORMED 1735.
- K-ST. GABRIEL'S SWEDISH
- L-CHRIST LUTHERAN 1743.

- IRON FURNACES & FORGES.
 Ⓢ EARLY CHURCHES.



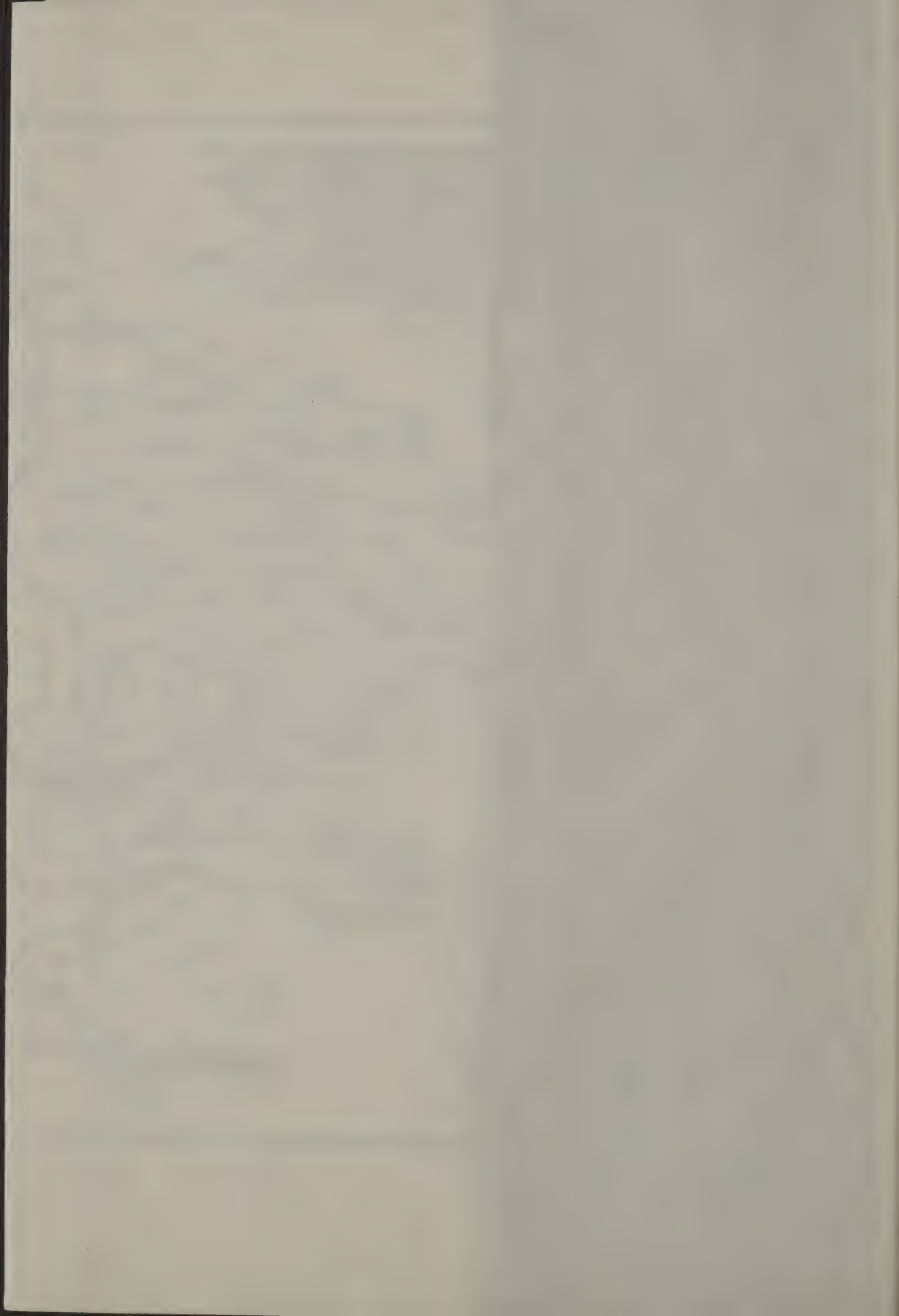
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TOWANDA, PA.

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members. Pastorate of Rev. W. J. Kershner. Chronologically arranged. Printed *not* indexed. CR-S143J.

(51) ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, READING, PA. 2 Vol. 1889-1942. Baptismal records only. Typewritten *not* indexed. CR-S146MB-S146EB and Mic. 35-36.

(52) ST. MICHAEL'S (UNION) CHURCH, UPPER BERN TWP. 1 Vol. 1852-1874. Baptisms and burials. Handwritten and indexed. CR-S146U.

(53) ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, READING, PA. 1 Vol. 1842-1849. Marriages by Rev. James L. Schock. *Not* indexed. CR-S146WK and Mic. 35-36.

(54) ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR TWP. 1 Vol. 1766-1875. Baptisms and communicants. Marriages and church accounts. Typewritten and indexed. CR-S149.

(55) ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH, GELGERTOWN, UNION TWP. and TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS, OLD FORREST CEMETERY. 1 Vol. 1871— Marriages, baptisms and tombstone readings. Typewritten and indexed separately. CR-S149G and Mic. 30.

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(58) SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH, READING, PA. 2 Vol., Vol. 1, 1881-1890, confirmations, some deaths and reports. Volume II, 1846-1894, church minutes. Handwritten, partly in German and *not* indexed. CR-S163N and part of record Mic. 35-36.

(59) SCHWARTZWALD REFORMED CHURCH, EXETER TWP. Rev. J. W. Boos. 2 Vol. 1781-1810. Vol. 1, baptisms, 1781-1810. Vol. 2, marriages 1781-1782, 1788-1810. Deaths, 1782-1807. Typewritten and indexed. CR-S399.

(60) ST. MICHAEL'S UNION CEM., TILDEN TWP. 1 Vol. Burial records, also readings from 4 private burial grounds. Typewritten and indexed. CR-S492S.

(61) STOEVEY, REV. JOHN CASPER, BERKS AND LANCASTER AREA. 1 Vol. 1730-1779. Baptisms and marriages. Printed *not* indexed. CR-S872.

(62) TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, CHURCH, READING, PA. 3 Vol. 1751-1850.

Baptisms, marriages, burials, communicants. Four separate indexes in each volume. Entire record handwritten. CR-T382M and Mic. 27-28, 48-49.

(63) UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, READING, PA. 1 Vol. 1832-1923. Baptisms, marriages, deaths, confirmations. Typewritten and indexed. CR-U58K and Mic. 40-41.

(64) WINDSOR CASTLE, (ZION'S) UNION CHURCH, PERRY TWP. 1 Vol. 1747-1842. Baptisms, confirmations, communicants, marriages, deaths and church history. Typewritten and indexed. CR-W766.

(65) WOMELSDORF LUTHERAN PARISH RECORD, HEIDELBERG TWP. 1 Vol. 1902-1912. Baptisms, marriages, deaths and church history. Printed and indexed. CR-W872.

(66) GOSHENHOPPEN (BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH), BALLY, WASHINGTON TWP. 1741-1819. Mostly baptisms with some marriages as printed from time to time in the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia*. *Not* indexed. CR-W676.

(67) REED'S (ZION) LUTHERAN CHURCH, STOUCHSBURG, MARION TWP. 1 Vol. 1764-1825. Baptisms. Typewritten and indexed. CR-Z78.

(68) SPIES' (ZION'S) LUTHERAN, AL-SACE TWP. 1 Vol. 1889-1941. Baptisms. Rev. E. S. Brownmiller. Typewritten *not* indexed. CR-Z79.

(69) BLUE MOUNTAIN, (ZION'S) UPPER TULPEHOCKEN TWP. 1 Vol. 1745-1863. Record of Zion's Union Ch. Baptisms 1745-1863, communicants 1821-1855, deaths 1821-1837. Typewritten and indexed. CR-Z79B.

(70) WOMELSDORF (ZION'S) UNION CHURCH, HEIDELBERG TWP. Card File by Mrs. Irvin Krick. 1795-1841. Baptisms, marriages, deaths. Original, in German and English, with dates to 1880's is microfilmed. CR-Z79W and Mic. 40-41.

(71) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS AND DEATH RECORDS. 1 Vol. From Epler's (Bern Twp.): St. Gabriel's (Douglassville); Roman Catholic (Neversink Mt. Reading); and from newspaper, "Alt Berks"; Trinity Lutheran Cem. (Reading). Typewritten and indexed. GA-B517-OS and Mic. 38-39.

(72) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTION. 1 Vol. Alleghenyville New Cemetery, (Brecknock Twp.); Mennonite Meeting House graveyard, (Brecknock Twp.) Jacob's Cem. (Morgantown) and St. Michael's, (Birdsboro). Typewritten and indexed. GA-B829.



- (73) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. 1 Vol. Belleman's Old and New Cem. (Centre Twp.); Friends' Meeting Graveyards, (Exeter, Maiden creek and Robeson Twps.); View Point Cem. (Perry Twp.) Hinnerschitz Cem. (Muhlenberg Twp.); Kissinger Union Cem. (Spring Twp.); St. Paul's Mission, Catholic Cem. (Union Twp.). Typewritten and indexed. GA-C397.
- (74) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. 1 Vol. Yocum's Union; Wyomissing Ch., Gougliersville; St. John's Ch.; Mohn's Memorial Evangelical Ch.; all Cumru Twp. Salem U. B. Weidmans, (Spring Twp.); Livingood Private Cem. (Tulpehocken Twp.). Typewritten and indexed. GA-C971.
- (75) DEATH RECORDS FROM VARIOUS READING NEWSPAPERS. 1833-1896. 1 Vol. Handwritten and indexed. GA-D285G.
- (76) DEATH RECORDS FROM READING "ADLER". 1 Vol. 1797-1824. Translated from the German. Handwritten and indexed. GA-D337 and Mic. 35.
- (77) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. 1 Vol. Tombstone records from Christ Reformed, (De-Long's) Church at Bowers (Maxatawny Twp.). Printed and indexed. GA-D361P.
- (78) EVANS' LEDGER, CAERNARVON TWP. 1 Vol. 1845-1873. Local events. Typewritten, *not* indexed. GA-E92E.
- (79) FRIENDS' BURYING GROUND, EXETER, PA. 2 Copies. Burying ground records. 1 handwritten—1 typewritten. GA-E96.
- (80) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. 1 Vol. Gernant's Cemetery, (Maiden creek Twp.); St. John's (Union) Sinking Spring. Typed and indexed separately. GA-G376 and Mic. 1238-39.
- (81) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. 1 Vol. Gehman's, (Adamstown); St. Paul's, (Amity Twp.); Allegheny, (Brecknock); Baumstown, (Exeter); Inscriptions on slab in Trinity churchyard, Reading; Friedens Ch. Cem. (Robeson); Zion M. E. Cem., (Robeson); St. John's, (Pricetown); St. James' Lutheran, (Union Twp.) St. Paul's M. E. (Union Twp.); Mennonite Cemetery, Bally. Typewritten and *partly* indexed. GA-G464 and Mic. 37-38.
- (82) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. TULPEHOCKEN AREA. 1 Vol. Records from 7 Cemeteries, including the Moravian burials. Comments by M. A. Gruber. Handwritten and self-indexed. GA-G885. OS.
- (83) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS, BERKS COUNTY. 1 Vol. Inscriptions gathered from many cemeteries and graveyards in Berks Co., by Raymond E. Keibach. Typewritten and indexed. GA-K47.
- (84) MARRIAGE RECORDS. NEWSPAPERS, (VARIOUS). 1 Vol. Circa 1834. Translations from various Berks Co. newspapers. Handwritten and indexed. GA-M359 and Mic. 35.
- (85) MARRIAGE RECORDS. READING ADLER. 1 Vol. 1801-1829. Translations from the Reading Adler. Handwritten and indexed. GA-M359A and Mic. 35. O. S.
- (86) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. ST. JOHN'S (HAIN'S) LOWER HEIDELBERG TWP. 1 Vol. Inscriptions from graves of Revolutionary soldier buried in Hain's Reformed Church Cemetery. Typewritten *not* indexed. GA-M453 and Mic. 36-37.
- (87) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. MISCELLANEOUS. 1 Vol. Aulenbach's; Trinity and Charles Evans, all in Reading, Pa. Typewritten *not* indexed. GA-M678 and Mic. 38-39.
- (88) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. AULENBACH'S CEMETERY, READING, PA. 1 Vol. Inscriptions from the lower graveyard, Aulenbachs Cemetery. Typewritten and indexed. GA-N149 and Mic. 38-39.
- (89) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. NORTH HEIDELBERG CHURCH. 1 Vol. 1802-1920. Inscriptions from the grave yard of North Heidelberg Church. Printed *not* indexed. GA-N174.
- (90) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. BERKS COUNTY. 1 Vol. Records from Old Cemetery, (Birdsboro); Caernarvon Baptist (near Kenny's Sta.), St. John's Comm. Ch. (Centerport, Center Twp.); Harmony M. E. Church, (Joanna) Bethel Evangelical Cem., (West Joanna) M. E. Cem. (Morgantown); St. Thomas Episcopal, (Morgantown); Zion's M. E. (Robeson Twp.); Zion's Cem. between West Leesport and Garfield; Private Cem. in Berks; Breidenstein, (Cumru). Typewritten, *partly* indexed. GA-044.
- (91) MARRIAGES FROM NEWSPAPERS AND PENSION APPLICATIONS, BERKS. 2 Vol. 1771-1879. Vol. 1, Marriages. Vol. 2, Index to Vol. 1. Typewritten and indexed. GA-R287.
- (92) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS SCHWARTZWALD CEMETERY, JACKSONWALD, EXETER TWP. 1 Vol. Tombstone readings. Typewritten and indexed. GA-S411.
- (93) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS, ST. MICHAEL'S UNION CEM. TILDEN TWP. 1 Vol. Readings from St. Michael's Old Cemetery. Comp. by Arthur G. Schuman. Typewritten and indexed. GA-S492.
- (94) SPIES' CEMETERY BURIALS. LUTHERAN AND REFORMED. ALSACE TWP. 1 Vol. circa 1920. Compiled by H. N. Benfield. Handwritten *not* indexed. GA-S755.

(95) DEATHS OF SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, FROM VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS. 1 Vol. Typewritten and indexed. GA-S823.

(96) FAMILY RECORDS FROM BIBLES. 5 Vol. Records compiled by Mrs. Mary Owen Steinmetz. Typewritten each volume indexed. GA-S823B and Mic. 28-29.

(97) MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, FROM CHRONICLE OF THE TIMES. 1 Vol. 1822-1834. Typewritten and indexed separately. GA-S823C and Mic. 32.

(98) DEATHS OF FORMER RESIDENTS OF PENNSYLVANIA. FROM "READING ADLER". 1 Vol. Handwritten and indexed. GA-S823D and Mic. 37-38.

(99) DEATHS FROM THE BERKS AND SCHUYLKILL JRNL. 1 Vol. 1816-1832. Handwritten and indexed. GA-S823d.

(100) DEATHS OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS. READING GAZETTE AND DEMOCRAT. 1 Vol. 1863-1864. Typewritten and indexed. GA-S823dd.

(101) DEATHS FROM READING GAZETTE AND DEMOCRAT. 1 Vol. 1850-1851. Copied by Mrs. M. O. Steinmetz. Handwritten and indexed. GA-S823G.

(102) DEATHS AND MARRIAGES FROM THE KUTZTOWN NEUTRALIST. 1 Vol. 1833-1837. Typewritten and indexed separately. GA-S823K and Mic. 31.

(103) MARRIAGE RECORDS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. 1 Vol. 1771-1870. From Rev. Boos records, 1771-1809. From T. A. Wells, Esq.,

Caernarvon Twp. 1840-1859. From "Our Church Paper," Amityville, 1884-1896. Ebenezer M. E. Church, on S. 4th St. Reading, 1855-1871. Typewritten, some self indexed others chronologically arranged. GA-S823M and Mic. 35.

(104) MARRIAGES FROM THE BERKS AND SCHUYLKILL JRNL. 1 Vol. 1816-1832. Handwritten and indexed. GA-S823m and Mic. 35.

(105) DEATHS FROM VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS. 1 Vol. 1796-1807. Copied by Mrs. Steinmetz. Typewritten and indexed. GA-S823R.

(106) REGISTER OF DEATHS IN BERKS COUNTY, kept in Court House for 1853-1854. Handwritten and indexed. GA-S823S. OS.

(107) MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, FROM WEEKLY ADVERTISER AND HAMBURG SCHNELLPOST. 1 Vol. 1796-1816. Copied by Mrs. Mary Steinmetz. Typewritten and indexed. GA-S823W and Mic. 35.

(108) TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. 1 Vol. collected 1902-1910. Contents: Bernville Pa. Deppen, Klein and Stump, private cem.; Bower's Pa., DeLong's Church. Pleasantville Union Cemetery. Friedensburg, Pa. Cemetery; Exeter and Robeson Friends Meeting House Burials; Heidelberg Twp. St. Daniel's (Corner) Ch.; Berks Co., 35 Private Cemeteries. Typewritten *not* indexed. GA-T656 and Mic. 38-39.

Most of the material listed herein (unless otherwise noted) was gathered through the diligent efforts of the late Mrs. Mary Owen Steinmetz.

BOOK REVIEW

HISTORIC REVIEW OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA FROM 1875 TO 1950.

The function of Christian education as it has unfolded in Berks County through the medium of the Sunday School is the subject of a recent book issued by the Berks County Sunday School Association. The work is the end product of two years of study and research by a committee headed by Charles S. Adams. It represents a detailed study of the development of the organization through three quarters of a century.

The volume opens with a brief history of the development of the Sunday School movement in the late 18th century and its transfer across the Atlantic Ocean from England with a slight nod to its beginnings in the city of Reading. This is followed by detailed presentations of the development of the County organization, the Sunday School departments and a major section is devoted to a brief history of each Sunday School in the city and county. The book closes with a

plethora of general facts and statistics to fill out any blank spots that might have been overlooked.

The committee is to be commended on the completeness of the presentation. Certainly anyone desiring to know the life and origin of any Berks County Sunday School will have ready access to full information. Herein lies its greatest value.

Two little articles in the last section of the book will stir nostalgic memories in those who take time to read. They are the section on "Old Time Traditions" and particularly, Dr. Dundore's memories of "Sunday School in the Leiss's School House."

Although the title sets definite limits within which the work is done, we wish the committee would have developed the story of early Christian education in Berks County. The early parochial schools and their metamorphoses to the Public and the Sunday Schools would, from our point of view, have given a completeness to the book. The committee has added another pillar to the growing structure of our local history.

—GUNNAR KNUDSEN.

Editors' Whatnot

The oral and written response to our special January-March Christmas issue was most gratifying. People who read the issue in doctor's offices and even one person who read it in a hotel lobby while spending the night in Reading have entered their subscriptions. We have also had a much heavier letter response than usual—and not just because of the special Christmas material. All told, your editors have become more convinced than ever that their efforts to provide readers with palatable historical reading are being appreciated.

An Apology

Unfortunately, the first letter we received caused us embarrassment, and we prefer to air our dirty linen first. For reasons not worth developing here, we were under the impression that the Reverend Lester K. Kriebel—the author of "Irwin Peter Mensch" (published in our last issue)—was headmaster of Perkiomen Preparatory School, and we said so in "Our Contributors." Our first correspondent pointed out our error. We wish to apologize for our inexcusable mistake. Rev. Kriebel is pastor of the Palm Schwenkfelder Church, Chaplain of Perkiomen Seminary, and a director of the Schwenkfelder Library Corporation. The man we confused him with was the late Oscar S. Kriebel, D.D., Headmaster of Perkiomen from 1892 to 1932 and also an important Schwenkfelder (he was largely responsible for establishing the Schwenkfelder Library and Museum at Perkiomen).

Through our error, fortunately, we learned that the Rev. Lester Kriebel was pivotal in establishing the Schwenkfelder art collection, and we now have in prospect an article on this subject. May all our informants be as helpful and our errors as fruitful.

"Be Your Own Genealogist"

When we instituted the uncompleted series of articles designed to assist amateur genealogists in Berks County and professionals from the outside, we did so with the sincere conviction that we would be performing a valuable service for a small portion of our readers. The responses to the first two of this series exceeded our expectations. Not only have new people begun appearing at the Society Genealogical Library, but also many inquiries by letter have been received by Mrs. Sanders, the Society's professional genealogist. A number of other Historical Societies within the state and elsewhere have already ordered copies of the subsequent issues that will include special genealogical articles. We are convinced that the carefully and laboriously compiled bibliographical material contained in the present issue will provide valuable tools for all people who have occasion to do research in Berks County families.

A Dictionary of Americanisms

One of our most interesting and fruitful letters came from Mr. M. M. Mathews, editor of *A Dictionary of Americanisms* (University of Chicago Press), who was interested in tracking down the possible American-German origin of the word-phrase "Christmas gift."

The Germans in America contributed many words to what is today standard American English; some of the material in Fredric Klees' "The Christmas Present and the Pennsylvania Dutch" led Mr. Mathews to believe that "Christmas gift" was another Pennsylvania Dutch linguistic contribution. If any *Review* reader knows of an early use of the term (early nineteenth century), he can do Mr. Mathews a service by sending the reference to him at The University of Chicago Press, Chicago 37, Illinois.

Through the gracious services of Mr. Mathews, the *Review*, probably within the year, will print an article on Pennsylvania-German contributions to American English, an article now being prepared by Dr. Paul Schach of the University of Nebraska.

We are pleased that the *Review* is of use to scholars as well as of interest to general readers, and we are delighted that scholars outside of the area are contributing to its pages.

Things to Come

Your editors have received many requests to provide previews of coming issues. Though we do not always know three months in advance exactly what the next issue will include, we shall try to give you some advance notice of what articles are likely to appear soon. Our plans are often changed by the receipt of a timely article, the late arrival of which necessitates the postponement of a not-less-interesting, but a less-timely article.

In the July-September issue we now plan to include an account of the Grosch brothers and the Comstock Lode by Louis J. Heizmann, an article on a little-known Lincoln romance by J. Bennett Nolan, a fascinating history of an old stone mansion by John E. Eshelman, the fourth installment of the "Be Your Own Genealogist" series, and perhaps an article on the history of the Schuylkill River by Earl Heydinger or the article by Dr. Schach referred to above.

Our Pages Are Open

We wish to repeat again and again that this is your magazine—not just to read but also to contribute to. Though we always have a balanced diet to feed you, we remain convinced that there are still many good dishes that we know nothing about. We will gratefully receive any articles on Berks County that you can write, and we will give every submission careful consideration. Our rejection slips, when we must send them, contain constructive criticism so that the writer can improve his article and resubmit it to us.

—J. SHERWOOD WEBER.

The Berks County Story, an extremely attractively illustrated history of Berks designed for school use and edited by Richard M. Moll and other prominent Berks schoolmen, has just been published and is now available at local bookstores. This long-needed book will be reviewed in our next issue.

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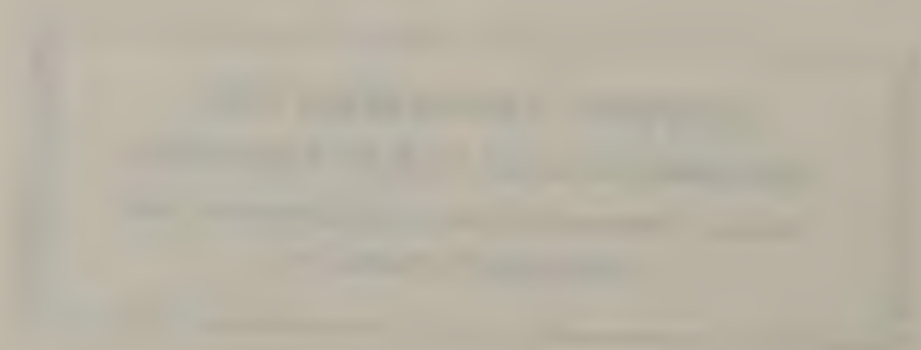
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Be Your Own Genealogist

By MRS. LEROY SANDERS

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth of a continuous series of articles fashioned to guide amateur genealogists in their research. In the next installment, to appear in the October-December, 1953, issue of the Review, Mrs. Sanders will discuss the genealogical resources on Southeastern Pennsylvania families to be found in four important depositories: the Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster; the Quaker Archives at Swarthmore college in Swarthmore; the Archives of the State Library at Harrisburg; and the National Archives at Washington, D. C.

J. Sherwood Weber)

TO the many interested readers of the Review who called or wrote us concerning the bibliography of Berks County genealogical material, published in the April-June, 1953 issue, we wish to extend our sincere thanks. It is always gratifying to learn that tedious work, such as the compilation of the chart and bibliography, is proving helpful to others.

Since all researchers who have visited our library during the past three months have been able to follow easily and with good results the brief, but concise, directions given by Doctor Weber in the introduction to the bibliography, it will not be necessary to expend those directions. However, I would like to point out the fact that the bibliography (without the chart) can prove quite useful even though you do not have the location of your ancestor as yet established in the county. For instance, if you have an ancestor by the name of Henry Miller or James Smith, you will doubtless find quite a few scattered descendants living in various parts of this county. If you happen to know that your Henry Miller or James Smith was born in 1810 in this county, you would search *all* the baptismal records listed for the entire county in the bibliography for the year 1810 and for at least five more years, in order to compensate for a postponed baptism. In such cases, you would do well to ignore the chart and work, chronologically, directly from the bibliography.

New Source Material

As a result of the new interest created by this series of articles we hope to add some new church records of Berks County to our archives this year. Through this department we will inform you of new additions to the genealogical collections of the Society, and about once each year we will publish an appendix to the bibliography.

For those of you who have failed to establish the locality in Germany from whence your German ancestor came to this country, a search should be made of the recent issue of the *Pennsylvania German Folklore Society* (Vol. XVI). In this volume, which has just been placed on our shelves, is to be found "A List of Eighteenth-Century Emigrants from the Canton of Schaffhausen to the American Colonies 1734-1752" by Dr. Ernest Steinemann of Schaffhausen, Switzerland; and "A List of German Immigrants to the American Colonies from Zweibruecken in the Palatinate, 1750-1777" by Dr. Friedrich Krebs, of Speyer-an-Rhein, Germany. Each of these new lists contains about a hundred names of families along with other valuable information. Instructive introductions were written by Dr. Donald Yoder of the Folklore Center, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Happily from time to time we continue to receive copies of newly compiled material on Berks County families from those who have used our archives while hunting ancestors. Sometimes they are not printed, but merely mimeographed or typewritten, but always they are of value to our collection. Recently we received the printed brochure of *The History of the Byerly Family of Berks, Schuylkill and Northumberland Counties* by Maxwell L. Byerly of Berks County and Harry E. Byerly of Northumberland County. Another recent accession is the typewritten account of the *Johann Lenhardt Reber Family*, a gift of the compiler, Charles H. Engle of Mahanoy City, who spent some time searching in our library. Mrs. Lionel Newcomer of Fleetwood—who in 1948 compiled and had mimeographed (as a memorial to her recently deceased father, Fenton Gall) all his notes on the Miller-Davis family—is now completing a similar work on the Rhoads-Gall and allied families of Berks County and of the state of Virginia.

D. A. R. and S. A. R. Material

I wish that I were able to present among "New Source Material" a newly-discovered muster roll of the Revolution from Berks County. Unfortunately I do not have anything so spectacular to report. All I can offer at this time is a listing of authentic records to be used when searching for the Revolutionary services of a Berks County ancestor.

In the Library of the Historical Society of Berks County are the following references to Berks County

Revolutionary records, all recognized and accepted by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution:

1. *Original Oath of Allegiance Book of Berks County*. (Handwritten by Henry Christ, Recorder of Berks County 1777-89).
2. *Berks County in the Revolution*, by Morton L. Montgomery, 2 Volumes. Volume 2 is an index to Volume 1. (Printed) GAM788.
3. *Berks County Soldiers Who Fought in the American Revolution 1775-1784*. Compiled by Mrs. Harry Maurer. Arranged alphabetically. (Typewritten) GA-M453.
4. *Pension Applications, Soldiers of the Revolution from Berks County*. 2 Volumes, indexed. (Typewritten).
5. *Pennsylvania Archives*,
2nd Series, Vol. 3, pages 759-763.
(Not indexed).
2nd Series, Vol. 9, pages 784-87.
(Not indexed).
2nd Series, Vol. 14, pages 247-312.
(Not indexed).

3rd Series, Vol. 6, pages 271-322.
(Not indexed).

5th Series, Vol. 5, pages 125-295. (Indexed).

6th Series, Vol. 3, pages 54-96. (Indexed).

Library Researchers

More and more letters are received each week seeking information or guidance on searching for Berks County ancestry. Of the ninety-eight persons who spent from one hour to a day or two in our library doing research during the first five months of this year, seventy-four were searching for family history. These men and women came from Reading and its suburbs and from Cochranville, Emmaus, Media, Pottsville, Harrisburg, Germantown, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Narberth, Allentown, Lancaster, Manheim, Norristown, Coplay, Lobachsville, Birdsboro, Fleetwood and Wernersville in Pennsylvania; and from Chattanooga, Tennessee; Kansas City, Missouri; Alexandria, Virginia; Waterloo, New York; Dover, New Jersey; and Ontario, Canada.

The staff of this historical society takes great pride in offering to these students of history and genealogy our many resources on early Berks County.

Book Reviews

THE BERKS COUNTY STORY by Richard M. Moll and a group of Berks County Schoolmen. Published by the office of the Superintendent of Schools of Berks County, 1953; 160 pp. Illustrated.

Educators have developed a set of technical terms which seek to give meaning to their peculiar problems and objectives. Such a term is "a felt need," meaning the sensing of the present and future requirements in a well rounded educational program. For a number of years there has been a "felt need" for a textbook centered upon Berks County's history. Schoolmen were alert to the need and it was the schoolmen of Berks who set out to provide the means of satisfying that need. The tidy little book entitled *The Berks County Story* supplies a large portion of the answers to the "felt need."

We are fully cognizant of the many problems that confronted the authors of this volume. It was no ordinary task of writing in the field of historical literature. Many preliminary decisions had to be made. For which age-grade level should it be pointed? What materials should be included? Which omitted? What concepts were to be developed? What balances should be struck between local pride and functional values; between local and regional history? How could the present profit by lessons from the past? How to challenge the future?

The general historian has few of the above problems. He records the facts as objectively as he can

with little or no concern as to the functional values involved, the vocabulary used, the concept range or the many mechanical devices which must be incorporated into a modern textbook.

The authors of *The Berks County Story* did not succeed in avoiding all of the pitfalls that confront those who undertake such a task. Amid thousands of correct facts there are many glaring errors, most of which could have been avoided by more research and competent reading by experts prior to printing. The pride which the authors express in having "gone it alone," without help from other agencies, must be tempered with acceptance of the criticisms which follow.

We will pass over the flaws in English construction in order to point out the falsity of some statements which may mislead future students if not challenged.

The maiden name of Conrad Weiser's wife (p. 33) has been clearly established as Feeg and her lineage determined beyond question. The inscription on the corner stone of Hain's Church (p. 95) is incorrectly quoted. Some portions of the section under Chapter 13 are of questionable merit. The authors entitle it "Story—Legend—Fact," but fail to indicate the category under which the stories fall. A careful check of hundreds of ship lists bringing Palatines to America during the period 1727-1808 reveals no ship named the "Sara Maria" though we are told that this vessel "brought many settlers to the Berks County area." The Johann Klepius group mentioned by the authors

Book Reviews

The first book reviewed is *The History of the English Language* by John A. Holm. This is a comprehensive work that covers the development of the English language from its roots in Old English to its modern forms. Holm provides a detailed account of the historical changes in vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation, supported by numerous examples and references. The book is well-organized and accessible, making it a valuable resource for students and scholars alike.

The second book is *The English Language in the Twentieth Century* by Geoffrey Leech. Leech explores the significant changes in the English language during the 20th century, focusing on the influence of technology, media, and global communication. He discusses the emergence of new words and the evolution of existing ones, as well as the changes in grammar and syntax. The book is written in a clear and engaging style, with many examples that illustrate the points being made.

The third book is *The English Language and the World* by David Crystal. Crystal examines the role of the English language in the global context, discussing its status as a world language and the challenges it faces. He explores the influence of English on other languages and the impact of other languages on English. The book is a thoughtful and well-researched work that provides a comprehensive overview of the global English language situation.

The fourth book is *The English Language and the Mind* by George Yule. Yule explores the relationship between the English language and the human mind, discussing the cognitive processes involved in language use. He examines the structure of the English language and how it reflects the way we think and communicate. The book is a well-written and accessible work that provides a clear and concise overview of the relationship between language and the mind.

The fifth book is *The English Language and the Culture* by John G. Leech. Leech explores the relationship between the English language and the culture of the English-speaking world. He discusses the influence of culture on the language and the role of the language in the culture. The book is a well-written and accessible work that provides a clear and concise overview of the relationship between language and culture.

The sixth book is *The English Language and the Future* by David Crystal. Crystal explores the future of the English language, discussing the challenges it faces and the opportunities it has. He examines the role of the English language in the 21st century and the impact of new technologies on the language. The book is a well-written and accessible work that provides a clear and concise overview of the future of the English language.

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(Editor's Note: This is the fifth of a series of articles intended to provide genealogists—amateur or professional—with procedural and bibliographical information needed for doing research in Pennsylvania families. The first four substantial articles appeared in the last four issues of the REVIEW. The sixth, and last, will appear in the January-March, 1954, issue. It is hoped that these six installments, combined, will make a very useful genealogical handbook. J. SHERWOOD WEBER).

National Archives, Washington, D. C.

As one would infer from its title, the National Archives was created for the proper care and maintenance of the permanent archives of our Federal Government. Thousands of cubic feet of records—including the priceless material of our country's early history—have been transferred from various agencies in the government to the National Archives Building. The archivist's responsibility for seeing that valuable records entrusted to his care are properly preserved is, of course, basic to all other archival functions. However, constant effort is being made each year by the well-trained staff of this institution to make the historical content of these records available to interested researchers.

From a genealogical standpoint the most used parts of the National Archives are the Census records of the United States and the pension applications of soldiers who served in the different wars in which this country has engaged. Since Census records have been mentioned in previous installments of this series, we shall merely say that a researcher should approach this source material with a definite knowledge of where the family lived when the Census was taken—knowing not only the state, but also the county and, if possible, the township—otherwise it is a very time-consuming task. On the other hand, if the researcher knows his ancestor lived in 1850 or thereafter, he can in a few minutes locate his ancestor's name and learn where he was born, the name of his wife and children and their ages at that time. For the earlier period, from 1790 to 1850, the records show only how many males and females were in his family at a given date, and whether they were then over or under sixteen years of age.

The pension records, however, can be readily located if you know only the name of the soldier and the war in which he served. These records contain vital statistics on the soldier and sometimes birth and marriage certificates were submitted, together

with pages from the family Bible, and are still to be found filed with the original application.

The reading room of the National Archives is constantly filled with researchers and for that reason no one should go there hoping to gather all the information needed in an hour. A form must first be filled out showing what volume or file you wish to work with; and then there is necessarily a wait until the record is located in the stacks and brought to the reading room; and if another searcher happens to be using that particular record there will be an additional wait.

When in Washington in quest of genealogy one should also plan to work in the genealogical department of the Library of Congress, and in the splendid library of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Memorial-Continental Hall, as well as in the National Archives.

State Library, Harrisburg

For many years now, the office of Miss Jessica Ferguson, genealogical librarian of the State Library, has been the gateway to Pennsylvania genealogy, not only for descendants of Pennsylvania families who now live in the West, but also for residents of this state who are not certain of the county location in the state where their ancestors first settled. In addition to a large collection of printed genealogy relating to Pennsylvania families, valuable source material is made available to the searcher through Miss Ferguson and through the staff of the archives department of the State Library. Because of the large number of inquiries, both in person and by mail, that continually flow through these two centers in the State Library, information is usually available as to what has already been done on a Pennsylvania family and what new source material has been made available in the various counties throughout the State.

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

The archives of this Society, the earliest center for genealogical research in Pennsylvania, are located at 13th and Locust Streets in Philadelphia, in the building of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Here are to be found various collections of records pertaining to Pennsylvania families, gathered by prominent genealogists of Philadelphia and adjoining counties. Much of this material has never ap-

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peared in print and cannot be located elsewhere. Also in years past, members of the Society made abstracts from early court, church and cemetery records of Philadelphia and other old counties throughout the state. These are now arranged according to location by county and fairly well indexed. Outstanding in this source material are the abstracts of wills and intestate records of the early counties, all indexed not only as to the name of the testator (as found in the local court houses) but also as to wife, parents, children and any other person mentioned in the estate.

Of special interest to Berks Countians is the collection of the late Mrs. Mary Owen Steinmetz, renowned genealogist of Reading, who left her records to this Society. The archives of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania are open to all genealogical researchers under direction of the staff, whether members of that organization or not, but it should be remembered that this center is not a federal nor state-supported institution. If a researcher wishes to spend considerable time on these records, an application for membership in the Society should be considered, for such a membership carries with it a free subscription to their quarterly magazine, which is devoted entirely to genealogy.

Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College

One of the finest examples of an historical library and archives to be found in the East (for preservation and availability of content) is located at Swarthmore College. This fire-resistant building was erected in 1928 to house the large and growing collection of books, pamphlets, periodicals, manuscripts (more than a thousand volumes of original meeting records) and pictures pertaining exclusively to Friends. It is exactly what every archivist dreams of, but seldom finds—the proper place for everything and everything in its place.

Miss Dorothy Harris, Librarian, with a sufficient

staff and all the latest equipment recommended for the proper care and display of microfilm and maps, has the necessary knowledge and time to make the resources of this marvelous library available to researchers. If you are a descendant of Friends, or are interested in the part played by them in the history of this commonwealth, the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore is a "must" on the list of places to visit.

Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center

Most researchers are quite familiar with the wonderful records to be found in the Reformed Church Archives on the second floor of the Fackenthal Library at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. But many are unaware of the genealogical material to be found in the Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center on the top floor of this library. I was pleased to find on a recent visit that thousands of index cards have been made as to names and subjects relating to various source materials of this region. These cards were made primarily for the use of the staff of the *Dutchman*, but nevertheless they contain marvelous information on people and places of great value to one searching family history.

Last summer Dr. Don Yoder, one of the three founders of this Center, invited all persons interested in Pennsylvania genealogy to meet at the Fackenthal Library in an effort to form a group devoted to gathering and printing source material relating to genealogy of this section. About a hundred attended the meeting and from their enthusiastic response to this initial invitation, it would seem that a new genealogical organization might be "in the making." And since the Unger collection, for so long held only in storage at the Fackenthal Library and not for general research purposes, is now to be made available, this Center in Lancaster seems the logical starting point for a genealogical forum.





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(Editors' Note: This is the sixth, and last, of a series of articles designed for the guidance of genealogists—amateur or professional—who are doing research in Southeastern Pennsylvania families. The six issues of THE HISTORICAL REVIEW OF BERKS COUNTY that contain the six consecutive installments can be purchased from the Historical Society for \$2.50 per set.

—J. SHERWOOD WEBER)

SINCE we closed the installment of this series with the genealogical information that could be found at Franklin and Marshall College, I would like to continue in Lancaster by directing your attention to the Lancaster County Historical Society. Its library, located in the Society's building at 307 North Duke Street, is open every weekday from two to five and Thursday evening from seven to ten. The reference material in this library is arranged as conveniently as possible in so limited a space. While its archives are much smaller than one would expect from the age of the county, considerable material can be gathered at this center on the history and genealogy of Lancaster County. Its bound newspaper files are extensive and well arranged. This library has a complete index to personal names as found in Ellis' *History of Lancaster County* and a large index to the tombstone records from many cemeteries in Lancaster County.

We are always happy to refer researchers to the historical societies of Chester and Montgomery Counties, where they have been research-conscious for many years. By this I mean that for some years past both these organizations have been working hard to make their source material readily accessible to genealogists and historians.

The Historical Society of Chester County is located at 225 North High Street in West Chester, and is open every week-day afternoon. In addition to housing the usual church, tombstone, military, tax and Bible records, the West Chester Historical Society maintains a voluminous clipping file on county history and genealogy. Dozens of steel filing cabinets line its library, filled with mounted clippings taken from duplicates of early newspapers of Chester County. Regular volunteer workers over a long period of time have assisted the staff in clipping and mounting not only death and marriage notices, but all vital information such as sales of property, business advertisements, personal notices, and settlements of estates. The material is all carefully filed

according to family name, name of business firm, or location in county. Needless to say, this data is invaluable to those interested in early crafts and industries as well as to students of history and genealogy.

The Historical Society of Montgomery County, now located in a small building at 18 East Penn Street, will soon occupy a new spacious building at 1654 DeKalb Street, in Norristown. This Society also pioneered in making easily available to genealogists and historians all material to be found in its archives. It has many index cards on file to direct the searcher to where in its splendid collection of newspaper files material can be found on various subjects relating to Montgomery County. The Montgomery Society also publishes *The Bulletin*, a semi-annual publication edited by Charles R. Barker (noted genealogist and historian), which prints authenticated family histories, indices to church records, death records, full excerpts from early land records, and other pertinent data relating to Montgomery County. The library of this Society is open weekdays from ten to four and on Saturday from ten to twelve.

Schuylkill County, so closely allied with our county, has a small but active historical society with headquarters on the first floor of the former Pottsville City Hall at 14 North Third Street. This Society, which is open daily from nine to five, except Mondays, is noted for its rare collection of manuscripts, maps, ledgers, and other material relating to the coal mining, railroad and canal industries of that area. We were pleasantly surprised to find in its archives a good collection of typed copies of church and tombstone records of Schuylkill County. We are happy to report that through the kindness of the officers of that society we are now microfilming this entire collection for our own library. This new accession to our genealogical source material is as follows:

(1) CHRIST UNION CHURCH, McKEANSBURG, EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1830-1882. Baptisms, burials, confirmation, communicants. Mic. 15.

(2) CHRIST UNION CHURCH, McKEANSBURG, EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1827-1834. Minutes of church. Mic. 15.

(3) CHRIST UNION CHURCH, McKEANSBURG, EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1873-1896. Funerals, baptisms, marriages, communicants and minutes. Mic. 15.

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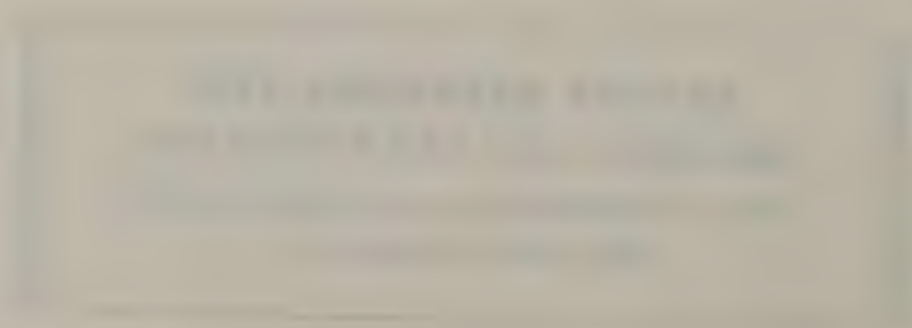
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BURG, EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1827-1940. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 15.

(5) CHURCH OF GOD CEMETERY, WINE-BRENNARIAN SUEDBURG, OR MIFFLIN, PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP, 1879 to date. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 15.

(6) DUTCH HILL CEMETERY, TAMAQUA, RAHN TOWNSHIP, 1840-1930. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 15.

(7) EVANGELICAL CHURCH RECORD, ORWIGSBURG, WEST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1835-1862. Marriages, baptisms, communicants. Mic. 15.

(8) EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION CEMETERY, ORWIGSBURG, WEST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1830-1900. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 15.

(9) FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, POTTSVILLE, 1853-1886. Minutes and Constitution. Mic. 15.

(10) FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, POTTSVILLE, 1853-1886. Burials, marriages, communicants, baptisms. Mic. 15.

(11) FRIEDENS (OR CLAUSER'S) UNION CHURCH, BRANCH TOWNSHIP, NEWTOWN, 1821-1911. Baptisms from Book 1, 2 and 3. Mic. 15.

(12) FRIEDENS (OR CLAUSER'S) UNION CHURCH, BRANCH TOWNSHIP, NEWTOWN, 1822-1914. Burials, Book 1 and 2; communicants, confirmations and list of contributors. Mic. 15.

(13) FRIEDENS (OR CLAUSER'S) UNION CHURCH, BRANCH TOWNSHIP, 1818-1920. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 15.

(14) FLOWERY FIELD CEMETERY, NEW CASTLE TOWNSHIP (2½ miles north of POTTSVILLE), 1832-1930. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 15.

(15) FRIEDENS UNION CHURCH, NEW RINGGOLD, EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1800-1847. Baptisms, communicants and confirmations. Mic. 15.

(16) FRIEDENS UNION CHURCH, NEW RINGGOLD, EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1811-1867. Minutes of church. Mic. 15.

(17) FRIEDENS UNION CHURCH, NEW RINGGOLD, EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1843-1877. Baptisms, confirmation and communicants. Mic. 16.

(18) FRIEDENS UNION CHURCH, NEW RINGGOLD, EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1804—to date. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(19) FRIEDENS LUTHERAN CHURCH, HEGINS, HEGINS TOWNSHIP, 1848-1891. Baptisms, communicants, confirmations and minutes. Mic. 16.

(20) FRIEDENS UNION CHURCH, HEGINS, HEGINS TOWNSHIP, 1827-1930. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(21) GERMANTOWN CEMETERY, BLYTHE (?) TOWNSHIP, 1853-1896. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(22) JERUSALEM UNION CHURCH, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, MANHEIM TOWNSHIP, 1820-1886. Baptisms, minutes, deaths, marriages, communicants and confirmations. Mention found to Friedensburg and Frackville, also includes communicants and confirmations 1876-1886 of ST. JOHN'S UNION CHURCH, WAYNE TOWNSHIP. Mic. 16.

(23) LEWISTOWN EVANGELICAL CHURCH. LEWISTOWN, WALKER TOWNSHIP, 1859-1930. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(24) LEWISTOWN UNION CHURCH, LEWISTOWN, WALKER TOWNSHIP, 1854-1917. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(25) MIDDLEPORT CEMETERY, WELSH AND GERMAN, BLYTHE TOWNSHIP, 1826-1920. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(26) OLD JERUSALEM UNION CEMETERY, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, NORTH MANHEIM TOWNSHIP, 1799-1880. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(27) ORWIGSBURG OLD LUTHERAN CEMETERY, ORWIGSBURG, WEST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1809-1822. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(28) PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY, POTTSVILLE, 1833—to date. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(28A) CENTER STREET BURIAL REMOVALS. Mic. 16.

(28B) WELSH BURIAL REMOVALS FROM COURTHOUSE. Mic. 16.

(29) REED'S CEMETERY, TAYLORSVILLE, BARRY TOWNSHIP, 1842-1890. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(30) ST. JACOB'S CEMETERY, LUTHERAN, PINEGROVE TOWNSHIP, 1800-1929. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(31) ST. JAMES' CEMETERY, EPISCOPAL, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, NORTH MANHEIM TOWNSHIP, 1817-1888. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(32) ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY, ORWIGSBURG, WEST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1816-1920. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 16.

(33) ST. JOHN'S UNION CHURCH, FRIEDENSBURG, WAYNE TOWNSHIP, 1796-1864. Baptisms, communicants, minutes and burials. Mic. 17.

(33A) ST. JOHN'S UNION CHURCH, WAYNE TOWNSHIP, 1865-1905. Burials, baptisms, communicants and confirmations. Mic. 17.

(34) ST. JOHN'S UNION CEMETERY, FRIEDENSBURG, WAYNE TOWNSHIP, 1793-1930. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 17.

(35) ST. JOHN'S UNION CHURCH, ORWIGSBURG, WEST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1833-1921. Baptisms, burials, marriages, confirmations, communicants, minutes and notes. Mic. 17.

(36) ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TAMAQUA, RAHN TOWNSHIP, 1820-1862. Baptisms, burials, marriages, confirmations and communicants. Mic. 17.

(37) ST. PAUL'S CEMETERY, ORWIGSBURG, WEST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1846-1930. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 17.

(38) ST. PAUL'S (OR ARTZ) UNION CHURCH, SACRAMENTO, HUBLEY TOWNSHIP, 1839-1891. Baptisms, marriages, deaths, confirmations and communicants. Mic. 17.

(39) ST. PAUL'S (OR ARTZ) UNION CEMETERY, SACRAMENTO, HUBLEY TOWNSHIP, 1850—to date. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 17.

(40) ST. PAUL'S UNION CHURCH (OR SUMMER HILL), SOUTH MANHEIM TOWNSHIP, history of church. Mic. 17.

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(42) ST. PAUL'S UNION CEMETERY (OR SUMMER HILL), SOUTH MANHEIM TOWNSHIP, 1797-1930. Tombstone inscriptions.

(43) ST. PETER'S CEMETERY, CRESSONA, WAYNE TOWNSHIP, 1799-1887. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 18.

(44) ST. PETER'S UNION CHURCH, PINE GROVE, PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP, 1816-1900. Minutes, baptisms, deaths, communicants and confirmations. Mic. 18.

(45) ST. PETER'S UNION (OR GUNKLE'S), PINE GROVE, PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP, 1813-1857. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 18.

(46A) SALEM (OR HETZELS) UNION CHURCH, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, 1783-1874. Minutes and communicants. Mic. 18.

(46B) SALEM (OR HETZELS) UNION CHURCH, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, 1783-1919. Baptisms. Mic. 18.

(46C) SALEM (OR HETZELS) UNION CHURCH, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, 1773-1874. Burials. Mic. 18.

(46D) SALEM (OR HETZELS) UNION CHURCH, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, 1870-1919. Officers of church, members, marriages, burials and communicants. Mic. 18.

(47) SALEM (OR HETZELS) UNION CEMETERY, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, 1804-1880. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 18.

(48) DANIEL SHOEMACHER'S RECORD (EARLY LUTHERAN MINISTER IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.), 1755-1773. Baptisms, confirmations. Mic. 18.

(49) WELSH CEMETERY, BAPTIST, POTTSVILLE (WEST OF COURT HOUSE), 1836-1860. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 18.

(50) WELSH CEMETERY, FIVE POINTS, BLYTHE TOWNSHIP, 1853-1880. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 18.

(51) ZION'S UNION CHURCH, LEWISTOWN, WALKER TOWNSHIP, 1853-1881. Baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths and communicants. Mic. 18.

(52) ZION (OR MANBECK'S) EVANGELICAL CHURCH, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, 1863-1885. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 18.

(53) ZION'S (OR RED) UNION CEMETERY, WEST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP, 1783-1930. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 18.

(54) ZION'S UNION CHURCH, WEST PENN TOWNSHIP, 1789-1930. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 18.

(55-61) SMALL AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY—DeBinder's (Wayne Twp.), Workman (Porter Twp.), Fahl (West Brunswick Twp.), Hieter's Kopf (Barry Twp.), Haffa Farm (Hubley Twp.), Kuhn's-Keeney (Pine Grove Twp.), Young (Pottsville), Mic. 18.

(62) COLMAN'S UNION CHURCH, LYKENS TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, 1822-1930. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 18.

(63) KLINGER'S UNION CHURCH, LYKENS TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, 1787-1874. Baptisms, communicants and confirmations. Mic. 19.

(63A) KLINGER'S UNION CHURCH, LYKENS TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, 1875-1888. Baptisms, communicants and confirmations. Mic. 19.

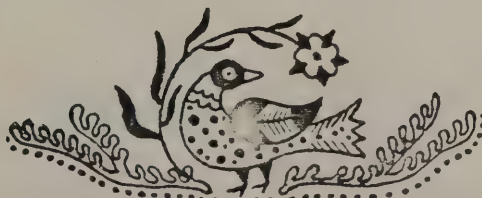
(64) KLINGER'S UNION CHURCH, LYKENS TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, 1825-1930. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 19.

(65-67) SMALL AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES IN DAUPHIN COUNTY—Boyer Farm, (Washington Twp.), Loyaltown, McAllester (Rush Twp.). Mic. 19.

(68) WEISER PARK CEMETERY, HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, 1760-1778. Tombstone inscriptions. Mic. 19.

All records listed above are from Schuylkill County, unless otherwise noted. "Twp." means township, and "Mic" microfilm roll. In each instance, we present only the approximately earliest and latest date.

In closing this series of articles, I am especially happy to announce a very important addition to the Bibliography which appeared in the April issue of the *Review*. This new addition is the record of the HEREFORD MENNONITE CHURCH at BALLY (Berks County), PA. The earliest birth record is 1806 and the latest death record, 1950. This is the only Mennonite church record that is to be found in any historical society in Pennsylvania to my knowledge. We now have it copied in our archives on microfilm roll 14 through the kindness of the pastor of the Bally church Rev. Wilmer S. Shelly.



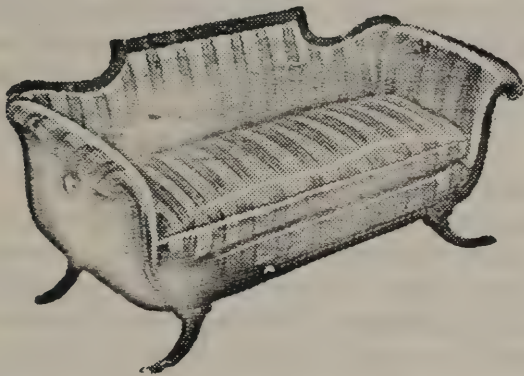
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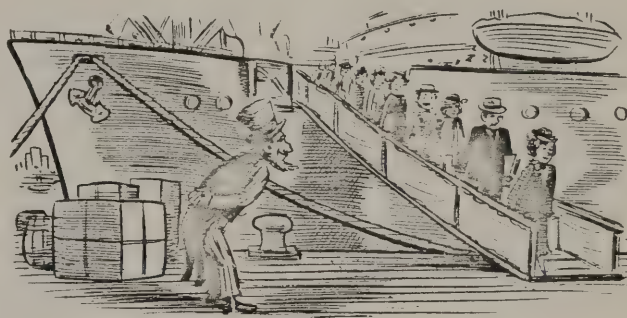
Naturalized Citizenship in Berks County

By MRS. LEROY SANDERS

NATURALIZATION is an act that clothes the alien with all the political rights of a native born citizen, with two exceptions: only a native born citizen can hold the offices of President and Vice President of the United States. This brief account—which should be of special interest to high school students who study naturalization laws in their good citizenship classes—concerns not the present-day requirements for naturalization but some of the interesting facts about the early history of naturalization in America in general and in Berks County in particular.

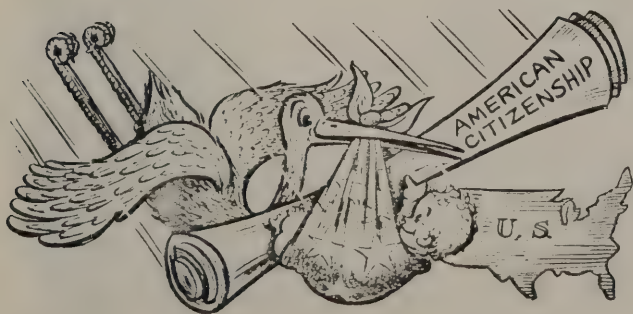
In 1740 under an Act of Parliament entitled "an Act for naturalizing such Foreign Protestants and others . . . as are settled or shall settle in any of his Majesties' Colonies in America" there appeared before the Supreme Court in Philadelphia a number of applicants desiring to become subjects of Great Britain. Each applicant had to submit proof of residence of seven years and upwards in America, not having been absent for a longer space than two months at any one time, and produce to the said court "a certificate of having taken the Sacrament of the Lord's supper in some Protestant or Reformed congregation in this Province, within 3 months before date of application and take oath of allegiance to the British Crown." It is perhaps surprising to learn of the religious test being required in a Province founded on principles of freedom of conscience, but it should be remembered that this was a British Act and not a Pennsylvania Law. An alien who would not submit to all the statutory conditions could neither acquire land nor be elected to public office. Persons being Quakers, or such who conscientiously scrupled to take an oath were allowed to subscribe to allegiance without oath, having fulfilled all the other requirements.

Volume 2 of the Second Series of the Pennsylvania Archives contains a list of all persons naturalized at the Supreme Court of the Province from 1740 to 1773, but the earliest known date of petitions for naturalization being heard in Reading is May 13, 1768 when Lawrence Cooper of Amity Township, John Reber of Heidelberg, John Wöhleber of Tulpehocken, John Jacob of Bern and George Michael Kettner of Tulpehocken applied.



Immediately following the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, upon the severance of the political ties with Great Britain, the Colonies exacted from their entire citizenship, native as well as immigrant, the oath of allegiance and fidelity to the state. This however, should be recognized as an oath of allegiance, not a regular naturalization act. After the war, when Pennsylvania assumed the position of a sovereign state, all former provisions regarding the naturalization of aliens were superseded, and it was declared by the State Constitution of 1776 that every foreigner of good character should be eligible to citizenship, with the right to hold lands after one year's residence, and the taking of the oath of allegiance to the State, with no restrictions as to one's religion.

Upon the adoption of the Constitution of the United States, which went into operation in 1789, one of the delegated powers of Congress was the passage of uniform laws for the naturalization of foreigners, and here that power resides today. The Naturalization Law passed March 26, 1790, by Congress, by which all free white aliens who had resided in the United States for a period of two years, were made eligible to citizenship, without any previous declaration of intentions, was later amended. The Act of April 14,



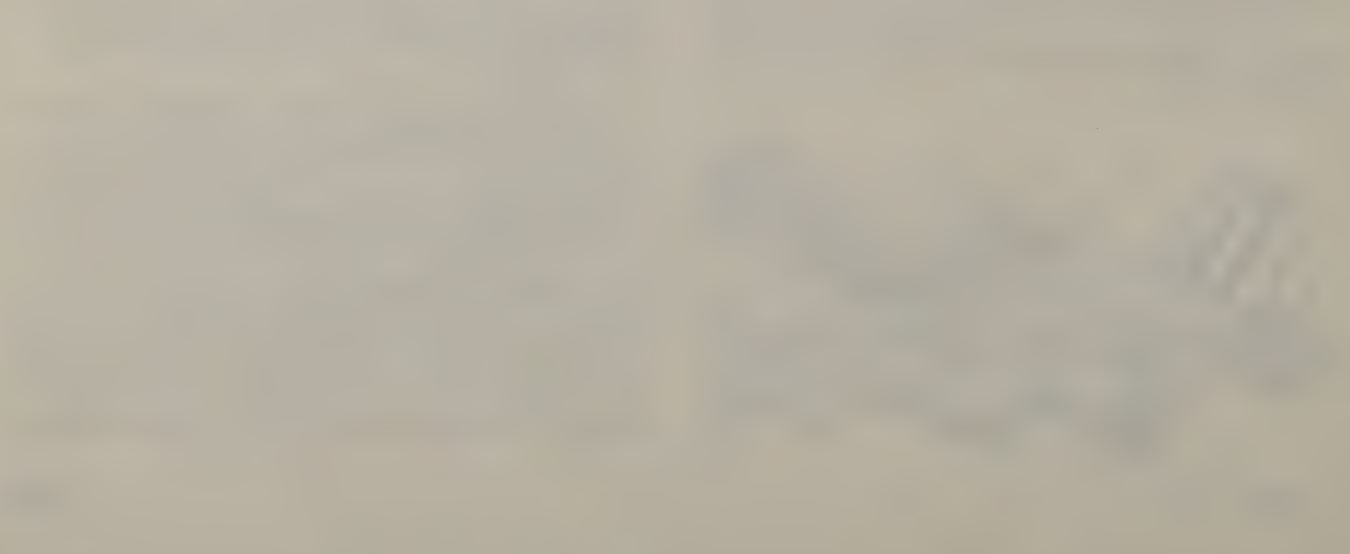
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The first part of the paper discusses the importance of public health in the context of the current global health challenges. It highlights the need for a multi-sectoral approach to address the complex determinants of health. The second part of the paper reviews the existing literature on the topic, focusing on the role of the public sector in providing essential health services. The third part of the paper presents the findings of a series of case studies conducted in various countries. The fourth part of the paper discusses the implications of the findings for policy and practice. The fifth part of the paper concludes the paper by summarizing the key points and making recommendations for future research.

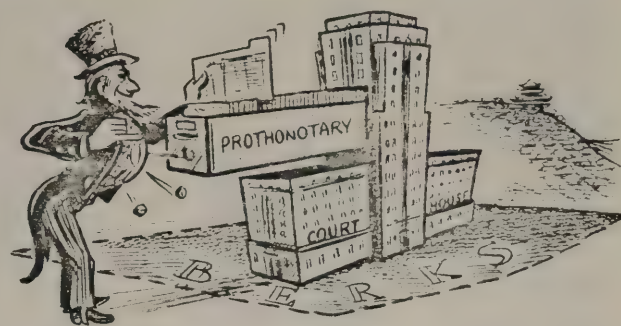
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1802, superseding all former legislation, required five years' previous residence with a preliminary declaration of intention of at least three years before admission to citizenship. Because of the vast increase in the number of aliens to these shores in the following century, numerous amending acts were passed before the system now in use, was established.

The earliest papers on admittance to citizenship in Berks County, now on file in the Prothonotary's Office at Reading are dated 1798. From that year until the beginning of the Civil War, 1387 aliens were admitted to citizenship in Berks County. In addition, 844 are recorded as having made their preliminary declaration of intentions only. Some of these doubtless died before taking out final papers, while others moved and obtained their papers elsewhere. Of the 1387 who became citizens, 951 were from Germany, 226 from Ireland, 82 from England,



50 from France, 50 from Switzerland, 8 from Scotland, 5 from Austria, 4 each from Wales and Holland, 2 each from Poland and Denmark, and 1 each from Russia, Belgium and Sardinia.

It would be interesting to know how many of the following list of surnames now appear on the rosters of the high schools in Reading and Berks County:

LIST OF PETITIONS FOR NATURALIZATION IN BERKS COUNTY 1798 - 1820

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Name	From	Declaration Filed	When Admitted
Audenried, Lewis	Switzerland		Sept. 7, 1798
Albrecht, Philip	Creutznach*		Aug. 11, 1817
Bell, James	Ireland	Aug. 13, 1811	Aug. 10, 1798
Bruckman, Charles	Saxony*		Oct. 2, 1798
Bell, Adam	Ireland		Oct. 2, 1804
Bischoff, Frederick	Germany		Sept. 30, 1805
Brandshet, Ludwig	Prussia		Oct. 1, 1805
Benseman, Herman	Germany		Aug. 14, 1810
Blackly, Samuel	Ireland	Nov. 13, 1810	
Blackley, Thomas	Ireland	Nov. 13, 1810	Mar. 23, 1818
Berger, Abraham	Germany		Aug. 7, 1811
Barnet, Edward	England	June 8, 1811	Aug. 1, 1814
Boyer, Frantz	Germany		Aug. 13, 1812
Clark, Henry	Ireland		Oct. 3, 1805
Cochran, David	Ireland		Sept. 21, 1808
Collingwood, Francis	England	Jan. 10, 1816	
Dunbar, William	Ireland		Oct. 3, 1805
Deyarmon, John	Ireland		Oct. 3, 1805
Eckert, Henry	Germany		Aug. 7, 1802
Eckert, John	Germany		Aug. 4, 1802
Eichkorn, Francis	Bohemia*		Mar. 7, 1803
Eberlin, Godfried	Germany		Nov. 8, 1804
Eberly, George	Wertemberg*	Aug. 10, 1810	
Engleman, John Martin	Germany	Aug. 5, 1811	
Elias Henry	Germany	Aug. 10, 1813	
Ebner, Henry	Germany	Oct. 2, 1809	
Eberle, Michael	Germany	Nov. 9, 1819	
Farmer, Robert Adolph	Great Britain		May 16, 1798
Freeweek, Richard	Great Britain		Apr. 13, 1814
Fisher, Nicholas	Germany	Apr. 3, 1811	Jan. 6, 1812
Furkel, Nicholas	Germany		Aug. 11, 1820
Fellows, Henry	Great Britain	Apr. 19, 1817	
Goodwin, Edward	Great Britain	Jan. 14, 1818	
Gaillard, Peter	France		May 18, 1798
Glen, James	Ireland		June 8, 1799
Gunther Jacob	Germany		Sept. 30, 1800
Gunther, Daniel	Germany		Oct. 9, 1802
Gray, Charles	Ireland		Oct. 8, 1802
Gunther, Daniel, Jr.	Germany		Oct. 6, 1802
Greer, George	Ireland		Oct. 8, 1802
Gillaspie, Francis	Ireland		Oct. 9, 1802
Gillmore, Robert	Ireland		Oct. 6, 1802
Geise, Gerhart	Germany		Oct. 2, 1805
Goettle, Christian	Germany	Jan. 13, 1812	
Gabriel, Dominicus	Germany		Apr. 8, 1813
Gable, Conrad	Germany	Nov. 6, 1816	Jan. 7, 1822
Huston, James	Ireland	Aug. 26, 1812	Aug. 6, 1817
Handlin, Thomas	Ireland	Sept. 30, 1800	Jan. 8, 1822
Henry, John	Ireland		Sept. 30, 1805
Heggedorn, Lawrence	Switzerland		Sept. 30, 1805
Hammes, John	Germany	Jan. 1, 1810	Aug. 7, 1811

Hughes, Owen	Ireland		Nov. 10, 1813
Heilner, Moretz	Bavaria*	Aug. 3, 1818	Aug. 6, 1823
Ibach, Fred William	Germany		Oct. 8, 1802
Ibach, Gottlieb	Germany		Oct. 8, 1802
Jemmeson, Joseph	Ireland		Sept. 30, 1805
Kessler, Charles	Germany		Apr. 7, 1804
Kirckhoff, Jacob Henry	Holland		May 11, 1807
Kiel, John	Saxony*		Aug. 17, 1809
Knee, Leopold	Germany	Jan. 1810	
Koppes, Allewimus Lotharius	(Moselle)	Aug. 12, 1811	
Kornbeck, William	Switzerland	Aug. 17, 1810	Nov. 1, 1813
Knoske, John	Germany		Jan. 11, 1813
Kepler, Constantine	Saxony	Nov. 7, 1816	
Koch, Christian	Germany	Jan. 17, 1818	Aug. 14, 1829
Killian, Joseph	Herzogenbush*	Jan. 16, 1819	
Krieg, John	Wurtemberg*	Apr. 5, 1819	Apr. 5, 1831
Lackey, Edward	Ireland		Sept. 7, 1798
Laughlin, John	Ireland		Oct. 4, 1805
Leonard, Casper	Switzerland	Nov. 5, 1812	
Liebig, C. Henry	Prussia	Aug. 4, 1817	Aug. 18, 1820
Moore, John	Ireland		Aug. 3, 1802
McCormick, Hugh	Ireland		Aug. 5, 1802
Mulheron, Joseph	Ireland		Oct. 8, 1802
Moers, Frederick	Germany		Aug. 5, 1802
Murphy, John	Ireland		Oct. 6, 1802
McGurgan, Andrew	Ireland	Dec. 14, 1803	Aug. 9, 1805
McKay, John	Ireland		Sept. 30, 1805
Myers, Frederick	Ireland		Oct. 2, 1805
Miller, Christian	Germany		Oct. 2, 1805
McDermond, John	Ireland		Oct. 3, 1805
Moore, James	Ireland	Apr. 14, 1808	Nov. 5, 1813
Mellar, John	England		Jan. 15, 1808
Menier, Daniel	England		Sept. 26, 1808
McGowan, John	Ireland		Jan. 4, 1809
Mueller, John	Meinungen*	Aug. 17, 1810	
Mueslin, Rudolph	Switzerland	Aug. 5, 1811	
Myerly, Anthony	Switzerland	Aug. 6, 1811	
Martin, Isaac	Dusseldorf*		Oct. 14, 1811
Moore, John	Ireland	Mar. 18, 1812	Apr. 17, 1817
Miller, Frederick	Lower Saxony*	Apr. 15, 1814	Aug. 4, 1817
Miller, Joseph	Baden*	Jan. 13, 1819	
Nagle, Peter	Germany	Nov. 3, 1817	Nov. 8, 1825
Oneall, James	Ireland		Nov. 8, 1814
Oharra, James	Ireland	Apr. 10, 1810	
Peiples, Joseph	Ireland		Sept. 30, 1805
Plate, Henry	Holland		Oct. 5, 1805
Porsch, Henry Gottlieb	Germany	Nov. 12, 1812	
Pike, Joseph	Prussia		Jan. 4, 1815
Repplier, George	Strasburg*		Oct. 1, 1798
Rieman, Godfrey	Germany		Sept. 1, 1802
Reutter, Michael	Germany		Oct. 5, 1802
Robinson, Kennedy	Ireland		Oct. 8, 1802
Roi, Henry	Switzerland		Aug. 6, 1806
Rees, Casper	Switzerland	Nov. 17, 1809	
Ruke, Jno. Frederick	Northeim*		Apr. 3, 1809
Reedy, Jno. Jacob	Switzerland	Jan. 1, 1810	Aug. 3, 1840
Ruhl, John Everhard	Germany	Nov. 5, 1816	
Rehfield, Bernhard	Prussia	Aug. 3, 1818	
Rixleben	Saxony*	Nov. 5, 1819	
Smith, Fred Charles	Germany		Aug. 7, 1798
Schneck, Benjamin	Germany		Nov. 4, 1802
Shoemaker, John Dan'l	Manheim*		Aug. 10, 1805
Schuman, Ernst Frederick	Germany		Oct. 1, 1805
Shar, Francis	Ireland		Oct. 2, 1805
Scott, Robert	Ireland		Jan. 8, 1808
Sweitzer, Frederick	Wurtemberg*	Nov. 6, 1810	
Sage, Henry B.	Berlin*	Nov. 12, 1810	Aug. 6, 1814
Sands, James	Ireland	Apr. 2, 1811	Aug. 1, 1814
Schember, John	Prussia	Apr. 6, 1813	Nov. 14, 1816
Scriba, William Henry	Germany	Aug. 8, 1814	
Steglich, John Christopher	Saxony*	Jan. 15, 1814	
Selfridge, Matthew	Ireland	Jan. 1, 1815	Apr. 6, 1819
Steinbruegge, Henry Gott.	Germany	Nov. 6, 1816	
Taylor, George	Great Britain	Av. 6, 1818	
Wilson, Motheral	Ireland		Sept. 7, 1798
Wood, Robert	Ireland		Oct. 6, 1802
Wertz, Henry	Ireland		Sept. 30, 1805
Werth, Jacob	Wurtemberg*	Nov. 6, 1811	
Winter, Joseph	Germany	Nov. 6, 1816	Jan. 7, 1822
Wehagan, John	Denmark	Jan. 17, 1818	
Young, John	Germany		Oct. 8, 1802
Zieber, Peter	Germany		Sept. 1, 1802
Zigler, Valentine	Germany	Mar. 8, 1813	Nov. 6, 1817

* All these particular places are in Germanic Europe.



Photo by Mario Bernardini

Seyfert's Forge. Painting by Dan Devlan, an Irish artist of Nineteenth Century Berks County.
Courtesy of the Reading Museum and Art Gallery.

Early Scotch-Irish and Irish in Berks

By JOHN J. McKENNA, JR.

THE lot of the transplanted Scot in Ireland was not a happy one. The Irish, naturally, were very displeased with this encroachment upon their land and did not allow such an atrocity to slip by without some sort of retaliation. To say that the Irish resisted whenever possible would be a gross understatement. The Scotch were also struck from the other side, by the hand that fed them, so to speak. Elizabeth, who had sent them to Ireland with the promise that they would be allowed to practice their Presbyterian faith and that their exports to England and Scotland would not be taxed, may have made the promises in good faith. Her successors, however, did not keep the promises. The Anglican faith was forced upon the Scotch, and duties were

levied on wool to the extent that their industries and agriculture had no opportunity for development. So the Scotch-Irish quickly made a choice. Their choice was America. They had tried to make a go of it in Ulster province, in Northern Ireland, where they had farmed their land and wove linen. In 1716-17, however, a series of crop failures and the fear of cotton competition led to the 1718 exodus from Ulster to America. Another great movement of Scotch-Irish to America occurred in the years 1771 to 1773. Once again it was the land question which drove the Presbyterian Protestants out of Ireland. The Northern Ireland landlords had become aware of the fact that with the abolishment of the tithe, pasturage became much more profitable than



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Hessian and Brunswick Ancestry

By MRS. LeROY SANDERS

DURING the past decade a new problem has entered the genealogical field in the form of more frequent requests for data on Hessian ancestry. "Hessian" was the name generally used in referring to the Germans (almost 30,000 in number) who were hired by the British from the Prince of Hesse-Cassel, the Duke of Brunswick and several other small Principalities of Germany to fight on American soil against the Colonists in the Revolution.

Heretofore, very few people would freely admit, much less seek information concerning, an ancestor who served on the "other side" during the Revolution. We receive more than the usual number of these inquiries at Reading because a Hessian Prison Camp existed here from 1781 to 1783,¹ and one would naturally look to the archives of the Historical Society of Berks County for names and statistics concerning the prisoners of the camp.

Special descriptive lists of the so-called "Convention Prisoners"² held at Reading must surely have been made. However, to date no lists have come to light. These records may have been deliberately withheld, or even destroyed by local people, many of whom held nothing but contempt and bitter hatred for the Hessian. This is understandable when one considers the feelings of the German citizenry of Reading on seeing these soldiers from their Fatherland, speaking their native tongue, coming here as prisoners of war after fighting with the British against the Americans in their struggle for independence. So strong was the feeling, we are told, that for years afterward when boys in Reading quarreled, the strongest epithet one could hurl at the other was to call him "der Hess."

Actually these German soldiers had no choice in the matter of their service with the British. As early as December, 1776, when the first Hessians were captured and held in Pennsylvania, the Council of Safety made public a statement which read in part:

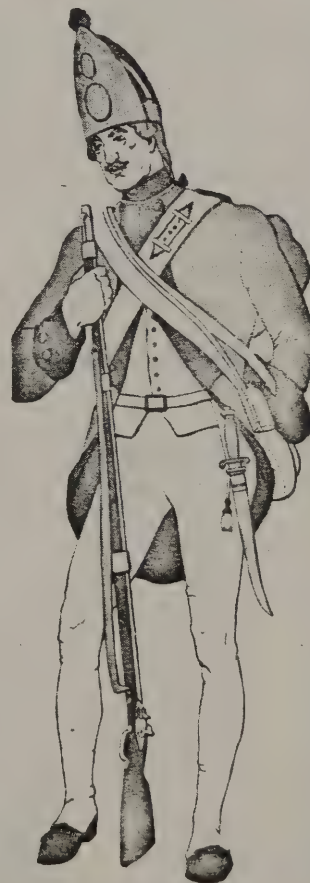
It is General Washington's earnest wish that the prisoners be well treated . . . They have no enmity with us. According to the arbitrary custom of the tyrannical German Princes, they were dragged from their native country, and sold to a foreign monarch, without either consulting their inclination or informing them of the place they were destined for, or the enemy they were to contend with . . .³

Many Pennsylvanians are descended from these men who fought against us until they knew better. Quite a number of these mercenaries afterward joined the patriot army.⁴ At least six former hirelings of the British Crown served as bodyguards for Washington, having been recruited by Major Von Heer for his Dragoons.⁵

The "Convention Prisoners" remained at Reading for more than two years and during that time many of them were permitted to work on farms or at forges⁶ and furnaces in the county as such opportunities for employment opened up to them. Some of the prisoners had brought wives with them from the Fatherland; others married during their early imprisonment in Virginia, or later in Pennsylvania.

At the close of the Revolution the Hessian prisoners were returned to their native land. Many,

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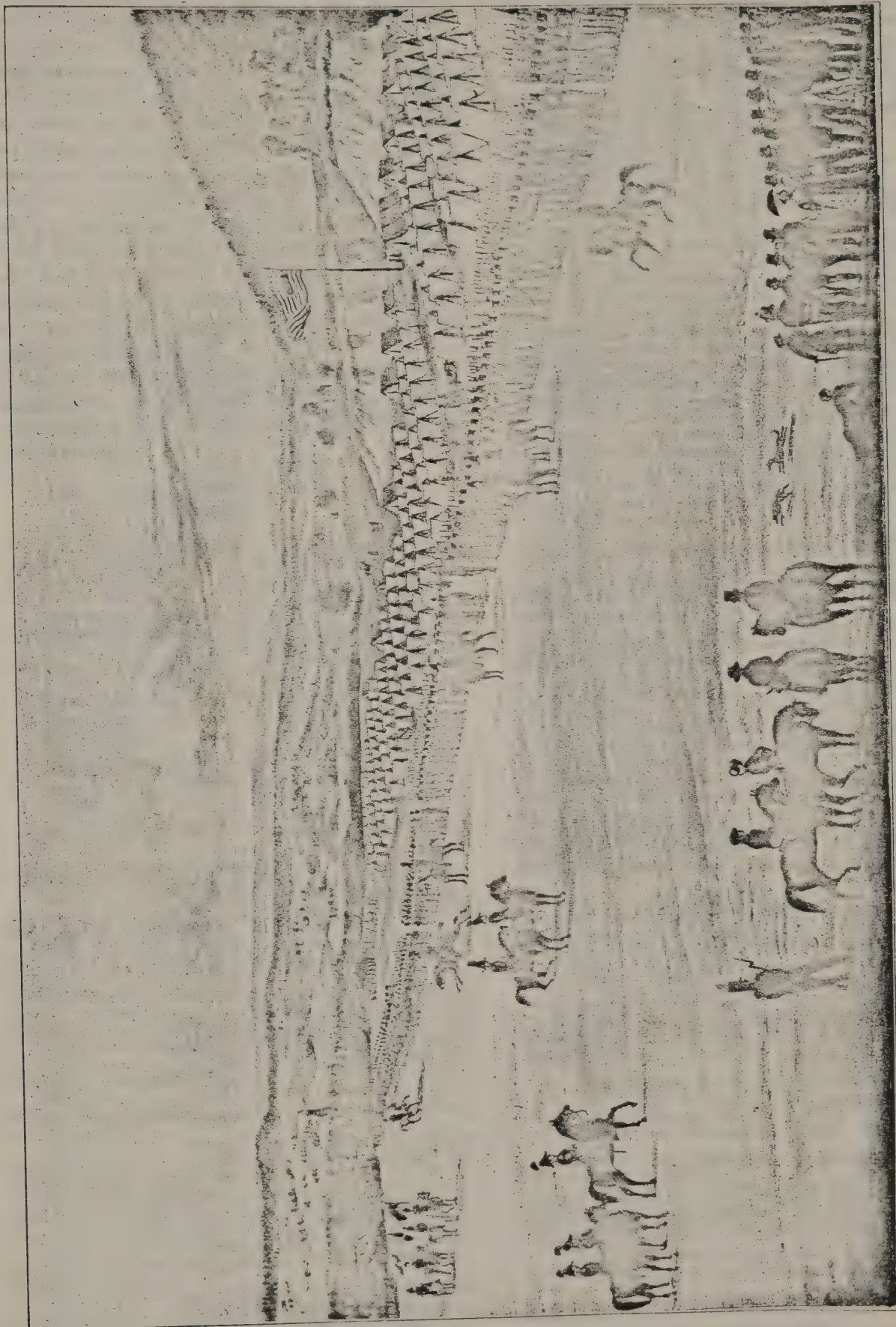
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CAMP KOSCIUSKO
Reading, Pa., May 19, 1842.

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however, remained here. This was especially the case with the Braunschweigers, because they were not particularly wanted at home. The Duke of Brunswick sought to reduce to the smallest possible number those to be brought back to him. He first notified the troops in February, 1783, that not one-half of them could remain in active service. They were advised to establish themselves in America. Only native Brunswickers were to be given free transportation home; and then followed the order that all who had been guilty of crime, lack of discipline, delinquencies of any sort, and those who through physical disability were unfit for active service, must positively be left behind.

In our searches to help clients establish their descent from the Brunswick and Hessian soldiers who remained here, we have uncovered the following vital statistics:

*Communicants, Trinity Lutheran Church
Reading, Pa.*

Rosenhager, Christopher	a Brunswicker	1782
Baeke, Henry	a Brunswicker	1782
Schroeder, Jacob	a Brunswicker	1783
Gruen, Henry	a Brunswicker	1783
Waneschauby, Henry	a Brunswicker	1783
Schreiner, John	a Brunswicker	1783
Spohn, Henry	Hesse-Hanau	1783
Wingman, Jacob	a Brunswicker	1783
Eilers, Christoph	a Brunswicker	1783
Weil, Hartmann	a Hanauer	1783
Maul, Caspar	a Hanauer	1783
Schuler, John	a Hanauer	1783
Seran, Ernst	a Hanauer	1783
Schweige, Frederick and wife Margaret	a Hanauer	1783
Vogele, William	a Hanauer	1783
Hess, Caspar	a Hanauer	1783
Blumbann, Conrad	a Brunswicker	1783

Marriages, Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa.

1782, Sept. 15, Hennicke, Henry, soldier of the Brunswick Corps, and Susanna Gebfert, a widow (nee Kissinger of Yorktown).

1783, April 29, Witteke, Andrew, a Brunswicker now of Colebrookdale, and Barbara Waecht, daughter of Adam, dec.

1784, Sept. 31, Roth, Conrad, soldier of the Hanau Corps, remaining here in Brecknock Township, and Catharine Gress, daughter of Jacob Gress.

1784, Nov. 6, Kraemer, Jonas, a Hanauer remaining here (a stocking weaver) and Catharine Schaaber, daughter of Andrew Schaaber.

1784, Dec. 31, Schroder, John Christoph, Brunswicker, and Catharine Leppert, widow of Caspar, both of Robeson Twp.

1785, March 29, Hess, Caspar, one of the Hanau troops remaining, and Barbara Zuber, daughter of Michael of Windsor Twp.

1785, March 29, Wanschap, Henry, one of the Brunswick soldiers remaining, and Anna Margaret Bernhard, daughter of Adam dec., of Ruscombmanor Twp.

1785, April 12, Hartman, Frederick, a Brunswicker, and Johanna, third daughter of Jacob Niedtrack of Brecknock Twp.

1785, May 15, Vogel, William, a Brunswicker, and Magdalena Braun, daughter of Matthew Braun, dec.

1785, May 17, Westphal, Gottlieb, a Hanauer, and Catharine Geschwind, daughter of John of Bern Twp.

1785, June 11, Schroder, Jacob, a Brunswicker and Mary Magdalena Jaehling, widow.

1785, August 7, Bergman, John, a Brunswicker, and Catharine Hess of Tulpehocken.

1786, Jan. 26, Wingeman, John Gebhardt, a Brunswicker, and Anna Maria Meike, of Oley Hills.

1786, April 4, Miller, Peter, a Brunswicker of Reading and Sarah Hinckelman (widow a 2nd time).

1786, May 14, Kayser, Adam, a Hanauer and Eva Marsteller widow of George Marsteller.

1786, Sept. 17, Schmidt, Just Andrew, a Brunswicker and Charlotte Lindy (widow).

1787, Jan. 21, Gerloff, Gottfried, a Brunswicker, and Eve Welsch (widow, daughter of Andrew Schaaber of Reading).

1787, July 17, Mueller, Frederick, a Brunswicker, and Elizabeth Achebach, daughter of Matthew.

1789, March 29, Heidekam, William, a Brunswicker, and Dorothea Welde, a widow and daughter of Balthasar Meyerle of Reading.

1789, Sept. 19, Schwan, John, a Brunswicker and native of Cocalico Township near Adamstown, and Juliana Voss, widow of Christopher of same place.

1789, Sept. 29, Dessan, Ernst, a Brunswicker, native of Reading and Eve Faust.

1792, Dec. 30, Schreiner, John, a Brunswicker (single) and Catharine Gertrude Miller (widow).

1795, Aug. 25, Wiegemann, Andrew, a Brunswicker (widower) and Sophia Lovel (widow nee Fischer).

1796, March 26, Gruene, Henry, a Brunswicker, and Catharine Schmock, widow of John, both of Oley.

Baptisms, Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa.

Henry Christoph Duwe, son of Henry Duwe (a prisoner of the Brunswick Corps) and wife Sophia, born Dec. 14, baptized Dec. 17, 1782.

John Henry Diess, son of Frederic Diess (one of the Brunswickers) and wife Magdalena, born Aug. 8, baptized August 21, 1785.

John Eppert, son of Henry Eppert (a Brunswicker) and wife Elizabeth, born Jan. 10, baptized February 19, 1786.

Jacob Schweimler, son of Frederic Schweimler (a Brunswicker) and wife Margaret, born August 7, baptized Sept. 10, 1786.

Michael Krauss, son of Michael Krauss (der Hanneacher) and wife Hannah, born Nov. 9, 1786, baptized April 15, 1787.

Anna Margaret Willenbruch, daughter of Henry Willenbruch (a Brunswicker) and wife Catharine of Cumru Township, born August 19, baptized Oct. 25, 1789.

John Henry Frederick Christian Stucke (at the barracks), son of John Christoph Stucke (soldier in light infantry of Brunswick Corp) and wife Hannah Henrietta, born April 24, baptized April 27, 1783.

Catharine Baer, daughter of Michael Baer (a Brunswicker) of Cumru Township and wife Sarah, born March 20, 1792, baptized August 12, 1792.

John Eilers, son of Anthony Eilers (A Brunswicker) and wife Elizabeth, born August 27, baptized Sept. 25, 1796.

*Spellings of names and places are given as found in the translation of this church record in the archives of the Historical Society of Berks County.

1. "Hessian Camp, Reading, Pa." by Andrew W. Shaaber, Vol. 3, Transactions His. Soc. of Berks Co.

2. A part of the army surrendered by Burgoyne at Saratoga in the agreement, or convention, made with General Horatio Gates, Oct. 17, 1777. These German prisoners were first held at Boston, then moved to Virginia and finally in 1781 brought to Reading where they remained until the end of the War.

3. *Pennsylvania Archives*, 1st Series, Vol. 5, page 146.

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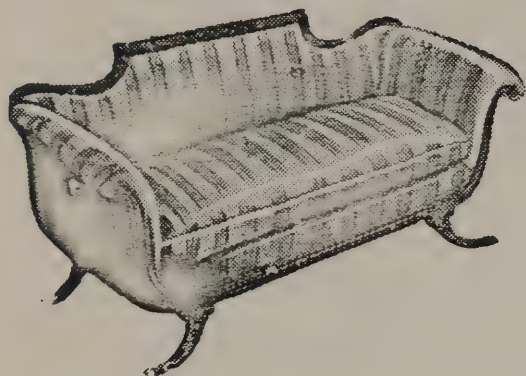
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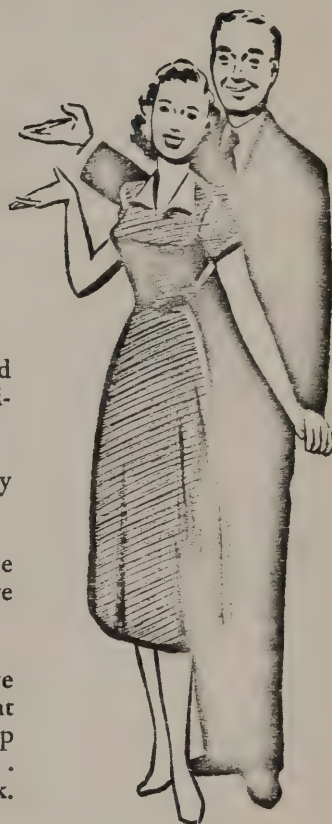
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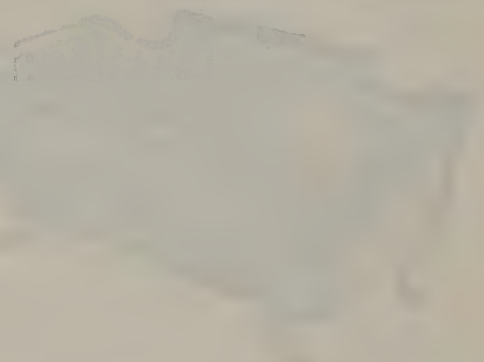
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